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Cover: The barn at Cram's Inn, Francestown.
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SELECTMEN'S NOTE

The Financial statements, reports and exhibits contained in this 1977 Town Report represent data taken from Town records. They are unaudited and therefore may be subject to adjustment.

The Report of an Examination and Audit of the Accounts and Records of the Town of Francestown for 1977 prepared by the Municipal Services Division of the Department of Revenue Administration (State of New Hampshire) has been unexpectedly delayed this year and has not been made available to the Selectmen in time for publication in this year's Town Reports. It will be available for public inspection in the Selectmen's Office as soon as it is received.

A revised Report of an Examination and Audit of the Accounts and Records of the Town of Francestown for 1976, in which errors appearing in that report have been corrected, has now been received from the Municipal Services Division and is currently available for public inspection in the Selectmen's Office.

TOWN OFFICERS — 1977

Moderator: — Harold F. Varnum

Town Clerk: — Herman C. Miller

Town Treasurer: — Donald A. Marsden

Selectmen: — John R. Schott, John L. Arnold, Robert N. Abbott

Tax Collector: — Elizabeth M. Behrsing

Supervisors of Check List: — Israel H. Vadney, Jr., Nellie Abbott, Doris Basset

Road Agent: — Robert M. Foote

Library Trustees: —

Lois MacAdam	Expires 1978
Lina deTarnowski	Expires 1979
Diane Schott	Expires 1980

Cemetery Commissioners: —

Lois Leavitt	Expires 1978
Richard A. Chapman	Expires 1979
Leighton J. Bicknell	Expires 1980

Overseer of Public Welfare: — R. Franklin Mace

Trustees of Trust Funds: —

Charles J. Brien	Expires 1978
Clifton F. Foote	Expires 1979
F. Russell Abbott	Expires 1980

Firewards: — Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence R. Kullgren, Richard F. Leavitt, Norman Stewart, Charles J. Brien

Planning Board: —

Blake Tewksbury	Expires 1978
Phillip W. Ireland, Chairman	Expires 1979
Robert H. Cloutier (resigned)	
William L. Edwards (resigned)	
William F. Hansen	Expires 1980
H. Bartlett Hardwick	Expires 1980
Robert F. Caskie, Jr.	Expires 1981
Herbert Benedict	Expires 1982
John R. Schott, Ex officio	

Board of Adjustment: —

Harold A. Varnum, Chairman	Expires 1978
Clifton F. Foote	Expires 1979
Robert R. Duncan	Expires 1980
O. Alan Thulander	Expires 1981
Donald A. Pettee	Expires 1982

Building Inspector: —

William P. Mitchell (resigned)	
Melville Garbitt (terminated)	
Thomas Bournival	Expires 1978

Health Officer: — Jeannette Settele, R.N.

Board of Highway Safety: — C. Ashley Prest, Chairman; Clayton Foote, Jr., Peter M. Flood, Willis O. Hadley, Donald Hoyt

Police Officers: — Peter M. Flood, Chief; Roy Bordon, Sergeant (resigned); Peter Dimmitt, Sergeant; Lawrence Kullgren, Officer; Marian Stewart, Matron

Conservation Commission: —

Eleanor Kiblin	Expires 1978
James O'Mahoney	Expires 1978
David Buber	Expires 1979
David A. Jonas	Expires 1979
Liesel Gilman, Chairman (resigned)	
Brenda S. Parker, Chairman	Expires 1980
William F. Cowles	Expires 1980
Shirley C. Davis	Expires 1980

Waste Disposal Commission: —

Constance Bicknell	Expires 1978
Leighton I. Bicknell	Expires 1979
Robert B. Parker, Chairman	Expires 1981

Historian: — Eleanor L. Kiblin

Civil Defense: — Charles J. Brien

Ballot Inspectors: — Winifred Hoyt, Shirley Jones, C. Gladys St. John, Bernice Miller

Recreation Commission: — Carol Prest, Chairman; William F. Hansen, Barbara J. Morico, Linda Ludwig, Charles F. Onasch, Lucille Paige

Roads Commission: — William L. Edwards (resigned), O. Alan Thulander, W. Rogers Hamel, Wilbur S. Roberts, Robert M. Foote (Ex officio)

Advisory Board: —

William L. Edwards (resigned)	
Joseph C. Ludwig, Jr.	Expires 1979
Charles F. Onasch	Expires 1980
Ernest R. Poor	Expires 1981
R. Franklin Mace	Expires 1982

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TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francestown in the county of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in Francestown on the fourteenth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1.
To choose all the necessary Town Officers for the year coming.

Article 2.
To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations for the same.

Article 3.
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes, or take any other action relating therto.

Article 4.
To see if the Town will vote to exempt itself from having the Town Clerk register voters according to RSA 55:9-C, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 5.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of fire trucks, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 6.
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of Fire Department radio equipment, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 7.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Thirty Cents ($1,657.30) to defray the Town's share of the cost of purchasing and equipping an ambulance to serve the present six-town area, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 8.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars ($1,640.00) to purchase and install a 2,000-gallon, 10-key gas pump, to be located at the Town Garage, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to allocate a sum not to exceed Three Thousand Three Hundred Dollars ($3,300.00) of funds already received from Revenue Sharing to replace the Police Cruiser and in addition to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars ($1,800.00) from the Capital Reserve Fund for this same purpose, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to allocate a sum not to exceed $21,000.00 of funds already received or expected to be received from Revenue Sharing and a sum not to exceed $118.00 of Anti-Recession funds already received and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty-Two Dollars ($5,382.00) for replacement of the Russell Station Road bridge over Rand Brook with culverts, of which sum the amount of $1,500.00 shall be earmarked for the retention of competent engineering design services, said culvert to be constructed by the Town Highway Department, and to use any unexpended balance of said total sum for the improvement of the approaches to said culverts, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 11.

To see if the Town Meeting will:

1. Affirm that the part of King Hill Road lying between Perley Place and the road leading from Route 136 to the Ludwig properties, continues to be a Class V road as shown on the State Highway Department inventory of Town roads, or

2. Affirm that the Easterly Eight Hundred feet (800') of the above mentioned segment of King Hill Road continues to be a Class V road, or

3. Instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to study the condition of the above mentioned segments of the King Hill Road, which committee is to make a report to the 1979 Francestown Annual Town Meeting, or

4. Take any other action relating thereto.

Article 12.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars ($879.00) to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting nurse Association, Inc., or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty-Five Dollars ($365.00) to support the services of the Monadnock Family and Mental Health Services, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 14.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund to add to a Trust Fund for the purchase of land for a future library building and/or construction of a new library building, or an extension to the present George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 15.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to defray the cost of providing suitable soil cover at the present dump area, $223.50 of which is owed for work done to date for land fill, and the balance to provide sufficient top soil to repair the land for more attractive growth coverage, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 16.

To see if the Town will vote to adopt, as a by-law, a life safety code which shall conform to the Life Safety Code which is in effect at the time of the adoption of this by-law as promulgated by the National Board of Fire Underwriters and adopted

by the State Marshal's Office, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 17.

To see if the Town will vote to become a member of the Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission which will have only such authority as conferred on it by RSA 36:53 of 1955, and will be an advisory commission to local governments in the region, and to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Forty-Four Cents ($515.44), as the Town's share for the studies and operation of the Southwestern New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 18.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) to defrxy the cost of preparing a Land Use Plan for the Town of Francestown, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 19.

To see if the Town will vote to elect all members of the Francestown Planning Board as provided by and under provisions of RSA 36:4, par 11 (b) with the first election of members to be held at the 1979 Regular Town Meeting, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 20.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Dollars ($47,000.00) for the purpose of purchasing the George Foster lot on Scobie Pond for a new Town Beach and Twenty-Five Hundred Dollars ($2,500.00) for making improvement to same, such sums to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the provisions of Ch. 33, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated, as amended, and to authorize the Selectmen to determine the date and place of payment of such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to take such other steps as may be necessary to negotiate such bonds or notes as shall be to the best interests of the Town of Francestown, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 21.

To see if the Town will vote to allow the school children of Francestown to use the Town Hall for the school physical education programs, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 22.

Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 72:43-B and 43-C for Expanded Exemptions on Real Estate which provides for a resident 65 years of age up to 75, a $5,000 exemption; a resident 75 years of age up to 80, a $10,000 exemption; a resident 80 years of age or older, a $20,000 exemption. Provided that the resident owns the real estate individually or jointly with another or his spouse with whom he has been living for at least 5 years as man and wife; said resident had a net income of less than $7,000 or combined income with spouse of less than $9,000; and owns assets of any kind, tangible or intangible, less bona fide encumbrances, not in excess of $50,000.00. To Be Voted By Ballot.

Article 23.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00) for a year-round Recreation Program, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 24.

To see if the Town will vote to relinquish all right, title, and interest, if any, in the old road leading from the South Francestown Road, so called, some 1,550 feet through the property of Brenda S. Parker and terminating at the northern end of said property, in accordance with RSA 238:1, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 25.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed Nineteen Thousand Dollars ($19,000.00) to employ the Department of Revenue Administration of the State of New Hampshire to appraise all of the real property in the Town to a full 100% of value, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 26.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a change in the name of the present Advisory Board to the Advisory and Budget Committee and to authorize the continued periods of service

and terms of membership of the Advisory Board on the Advisory and Budget Committee and of subsequent appointments to that committee.

The duties and responsibilities of the Advisory and Budget Committee shall be:

To continue, upon the request of the Board of Selectmen, to advise and assist the Board regarding any matter affecting the Town.

To actively participate with the Board of Selectmen in the preparation and final compilation of the annual Town Budget.

To publish and post not less than 15 days prior to Town Meeting in two or more conspicuous locations within the Town, its findings and recommendations with regard to each item of the budget and all articles proposing capital expenditures as they are approved by the Board of Selectmen.

The Advisory and Budget Committee shall not have the power of veto over any item of the Town budget or of the Town budget in its entirety as it is finally approved and submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 27.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to grant to the Francestown Electric & Water Co., its successors in interest or assigns a permanent easement and right of way, to enter upon Town property where and as may be necessary to construct, maintain and repair underground pipe lines and appurtenances for the purpose of conveying water across, through and under town property together with the right to excavate and refill and/or trenches for the location of said pipe lines, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 28.

To see if the Town wishes to exclude from its Social Security plan services performed by election officials or election workers for each calendar quarter in which the remuneration paid for such services is less than $50.00, or take any other action relating thereto.

Article 29.

To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen and the Building Inspector (if any) to discontinue issuing any Building Permits for new home construction in the Town of

Francestown for a period of six months or until the completion of a Master Plan and Soils Study by the Planning Board and action by the Town on said plan and study, whichever first occurs, and further to request that the Planning Board not approve any subdivisions for a period of six months or until the Master Plan and Soils Study is completed and said action by the Town has taken place, whichever first occurs.

Article 30.

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

Article 3. Lot Measurements and Setbacks.

After Subparagraph a) (2) delete all and insert "This paragraph 3a shall not apply to lots of record on July 17, 1972. However, after March 14, 1978, any such lots which are abutted by other land owned in common with them shall, if conveyed by the common owner, not be deemed lots upon which buildings may be erected unless, prior to such conveyance, sufficient land has been properly and legally added from the abutting commonly owned land so that the nonconforming lots are brought into conformity with this Ordinance. This provision shall not apply if it would require the commonly owned abutting lots to be reduced so as to also become nonconforming." (To Be Voted By Ballot)

Article 31.

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

Article 5A Zoning District Regulations.

I. Village Zone

(a) Permitted uses

1. After the word ".....dwellings" add "with accessory buildings" so that the provision reads "Single family dwellings with accessory buildings provided they do not exceed 35 feet to the highest point of the structure measured from the highest exterior grade at the foundation line." (To Be Voted By Ballot)

Article 32.

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

Article 5A Zoning District Regulations.

V. Omit this provision in its entirety and omit Article 7 in its entirety and substitute the following new article:

Article 7. Nonconforming Uses and Structures in Nonconforming Locations.

a) Existing Uses: Any lawful building or use of a building or premises, or parts thereof, in existence at the time of adoption of this Ordinance, or any amendments thereto, may be continued although such building or use does not comply with the provisions hereof. No nonconforming use may be extended or enlarged nor may a nonconforming use be reestablished after abandonment of more than one year.

b) Change of Nonconforming Use: A nonconforming use may be changed only to a use permitted in the Zone in which it is located and, when changed to a conforming use, no building or land shall be permitted to revert to a nonconforming use.

c) Catastrophic Destruction of Nonconforming Use: When a nonconforming use, a structure on a nonconforming lot or a structure containing a nonconforming use is damaged or destroyed by fire, flood, wind or act of God, such structure or use may be reconstructed and used as before such damage provided such reconstruction is commenced within eighteen months and completed within two years after the date of the original damage or destruction.

d) Change of Structures in Nonconforming Locations: A structure in a nonconforming location may be enlarged or extended provided the enlargement or extension complies with all provisions of the Zoning Ordinance. Any other enlargement or extension shall not take place unless a variance is obtained from the Board of Adjustment. (To Be Voted By Ballot)

Article 33.

Are you in favor of adopting the following amendment to the Francestown Zoning Ordinance?

Add New Article 14. Definitions

Accessory Buildings: A detached building located on the same lot as the main building and the use of which is incidental thereto.

Building: Any independent structure having a roof with structural supports.

Dwelling: A structure designed for residential occupancy by one family, excluding hotels, motels, inns, condominiums, apartment houses, tourist homes, overnight cabins and the like.

Family: One or more persons living as a single housekeeping unit.

House Trailer: See Mobile Home.

Lot: Land occupied or designed to be occupied by a building(s) or use or accessory building(s) or uses incidental thereto. The word lot includes plat, plot or parcel where appropriate to the context.

Lot of Record: A lot which is part of a subdivision plat recorded in the office of the Hillsborough County Register of Deeds or a lot or parcel described by plat and/or deed which has been so recorded, and which has been approved by the Planning Board, if required.

Mobile Home: Any vehicle, or similar portable structure, mounted or designed for mounting on wheels, used or intended for use for dwelling purposes, including structural additions. Any such vehicle or structure shall be deemed to be a mobile home whether or not the wheels have been removed therefrom and whether or not it rests upon a temporary or permanent foundation. The term Mobile Home shall include and be synonymous with the terms House Trailer and Motor Home.

Motor Home: See Mobile Home.

Nonconforming Use or Structure: A use or structure which is lawfully maintained at the time this Ordinance and any amendments thereto become effective but which does not conform with the regulations for the Zone in which it is located. (To Be Voted By Ballot)

Article 34.

To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.

JOHN R. SCHOTT
JOHN L. ARNOLD
ROBERT N. ABBOTT
Selectmen of Francestown

A True Copy of Warrant — Attest:
JOHN R. SCHOTT
JOHN L. ARNOLD
ROBERT N. ABBOTT
Selectmen of Francestown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year
January 1, 1978 to December 31, 1978

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 (1978-79)
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,700.00	$ 3,484.00	$ 4,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	5,500.00	5,821.00	9,600.00
Election & Registration Expenses	250.00	197.00	250.00
Town Hall & Other Town Bldgs.	3,000.00	2,624.00	3,000.00
Employees' Retire. & Soc. Sec.	1,600.00	2,211.00	2,500.00
Hospital & Medical Ins.			1,680.00
Tax Map	700.00	929.00	1,000.00
Protection of Persons & Property:			
Police Department	7,400.00	11,472.00	16,000.00
Fire Department	5,070.00	5,319.00	6,195.00
Care of Trees	500.00		2,000.00
Insurance	7,800.00	8,178.00	9,000.00
Planning & Zoning	500.00	709.00	300.00
Damages & Legal Expense	2,000.00	2,913.00	3,000.00
Forest Fire Protection	500.00	521.00	500.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hospitals, Ambulance)	924.00	924.00	1,116.00
Vital Statistics	15.00	15.00	15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,500.00	3,053.00	8,000.00
Highways & Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer & Winter	77,792.00	80,510.00	118,125.00
Street Lighting	1,300.00	1,209.00	1,800.00
General Expenses of Hwy. Dept.	8,975.00	9,453.00	14,545.00
Town Road Aid	1,155.00	1,155.00	1,146.00
Add'l Hwy. Subsidy Constuction			7,951.00
Libraries:	10,485.00	9,985.00	10,935.00
Public Welfare:			
Old Age Assistance	200.00	18.00	100.00
Patriotic Purposes (Memorial Day, Etc.)			65.00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	500.00	500.00	500.00
Conservation Commission	150.00		
Advertising & Regional Associations			200.00

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION		Approp. Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Expenditures Previous Fiscal Year	Approp. Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 (1978-79)
Debt Service:				
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds		6,000.00	6,000.00	2,000.00
Interest—Long Term Notes & Bonds		565.00	567.00	304.00
Interest on Temporary Loans		2,200.00	1,470.00	2,000.00
Capital Outlay (List Below):				
Art. 4	$20,500.00			
Art. 8	1,694.12			
Art. 9	1,040.00			
Art. 10	365.00			
Art. 11	4,500.00			
Art. 12	1,200.00	38,427.12	27,811.48	
Art. 13	7,000.00			
Art. 15	750.00			
Art. 18	403.00			
Art. 26	500.00			
Art. 20	475.00			
Payment to Capital Reserve Funds:				
Art. 14	500.00			
Art. 16	1,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Art. 17	2,000.00			
Art. 19	500.00			
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		$193,708.12	$191,048.48	$227,827.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 (1978-79)
From State:			
Interest & Dividends Tax	$ 43,000.00	$ 38,362.45	$ 39,000.00
Savings Bank Tax	1,700.00	2,268.75	2,300.00
Meals & Rooms Tax	5,000.00	5,128.00	5,000.00
Highway Subsidy (Cl. IV & V)	18,867.00	18,867.00	19,473.00
Reimb. a-c Business Profits Tax (Town Portion)	2,500.00	2,692.64	2,600.00
Reimb. State & Fed. Forest Land	96.00	96.00	96.00
Misc. Reimbursements		2,575.72	8,000.00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	460.00	457.00	460.00
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	400.00	512.00	500.00

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Actual Revenue Previous Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Fiscal Year 1978 (1978-79)
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15,000.00	17,287.00	17,500.00
Interest on Taxes & Deposits	800.00	2,094.00	2,000.00
Withdrawal Capital Reserve Funds	475.00	475.00	
Resident Taxes Retained	5,000.00	4,710.00	5,000.00
Normal Yield Taxes Assessed	2,500.00	6,242.00	4,000.00
Rent of Town Property	52.00	72.00	70.00
Income from Departments	100.00	405.00	5,500.00
Prior Years' Interest, Penalties & Taxes	1,000.00	2,617.00	2,500.00
From Federal Sources:			
Revenue Sharing	9,000.00	9,455.00	11,099.00
Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes	$105,950.00	$114,316.56	$125,098.00
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes		76,731.92	102,729.00
TOTAL REVENUES	$193,708.12	$191,048.48	$227,827.00

TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N.H.

March 8, 1977

Article 1. Town Officers Elected:

Town Clerk: Herman C. Miller

Town Treasurer: Donald A. Marsden

Selectman for 3 years: Robert N. Abbott

Highway Agent: Robert M. Foote

Library Trustee for 3 years: Diane Schott

Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years: F. Russell Abbott

Cemetery Commissioner 3 years: Leighton I. Bicknell

Firewards: Charles J. Brien, Clifton F. Foote, Lawrence R. Kullgren, Richard F. Leavitt, Norman J. Stewart

Overseer of Public Welfare: R. Franklin Mace

Article 2. Budget:

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 2,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses	5,500.00
Election & Registration Expenses	250.00
Town Hall & Other Town Buildings	3,000.00
Employees' Retirement & Soc. Sec.	1,600.00
Tax Map	700.00
Police Department	7,400.00
Fire Department	5,070.00
Care of Trees	500.00
Insurance	7,800.00
Planning & Zoning	500.00
Damages & Legal Expense	2,000
Forest Fire Protection	500.00
Health Dept. (Incl. Hosp., Ambulance)	924.00
Vital Statistics	15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,500.00
Town Maintenance-Summer & Winter	77,792.00
Street Lighting	1,300.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	8,975.00
Town Road Aid	1,155.00

Libraries	10,485.00
Old Age Assistance	200.00
Cemeteries	500.00
Conservation	150.00
Principal & Long Term Notes & Bonds	6,000.00
Interest-Long Term Notes & Bonds	565.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	2,200.00
	$151,281.00

Moved that the Selectmen appoint a Dog Warden to be paid up to $500.00 from Town Officers' Salaries. Seconded -- carried.

Article 3. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses in anticipation of taxes.

Article 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $20,500.00 for replacement of the Poor Farm Bridge over the South Branch of the Piscataquog River with a culvert, of which sum an amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500.00) be earmarked for the retention of competent engineering services for the design of said culvert.

Article 5. Not carried.

Article 6. Voted to indefinitely postpone this article.

Article 7. Voted that the Town instruct the Selectmen to reappraise all the land and buildings of the Town over a period of the next three years using criteria recommended and approved by the State of New Hampshire.

Article 8. Voted (a) to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 to pay dues to join the New Hampshire Municipal Association for the exclusive purpose of enabling group medical insurance to become available to Town Employees, and (b) to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,494.12 for the purchase of a Blue Cross-Blue Shield Health Care Plan with Major Medical included for the three full-time Road Department employees and their wives and children.

Article 9. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,040.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

Article 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $365.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Family Health and Mental Services.

Article 11. Voted to raise and appropriate $4,500.00 for the rental and transportation of refuse containers.

Article 12. Voted to raise and appropriate $1,200.00 to defray the cost of exterminating rodents and pests and to provide suitable cover at the present dump site.

Article 13. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $3,500.00 for the erection of such recycling facilities as the Selectmen, in their descretion, may deem necessary, and in addition, to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $3,500.00 to cover the salary of a recycling supervisor.

Article 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund to add to a Trust Fund for the purchase of land for a future library building and/or construction of a new library building, or an extension to the present George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library.

Article 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $750.00 to make repairs to the sidewalk on Main Street.

Article 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of the Police Department Cruiser.

Article 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of fire trucks.

Article 18. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $403.00 to defray the Town's share of the cost of a two-frequency police and fire radio, the other cost to be federally funded through the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

Article 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to be placed in the Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of Fire Department radio equipment.

Article 20. Voted to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of $475.00 (representing the accrued interest) from the Trust Fund - New Cemetery Sales, for the Cemetery Commission to use for the care and maintenance of Cemetery No. 3.

Article 21. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed $400.00 to paint or stain the exterior of the Town Garage Building.

Article 22. Voted to accept the following individual trust fund: For perpetual care of the cemetery lot containing the remains of Grace Ellsworth the sum of $200.00.

Article 23. Voted to accept a certain parcel of land in Francestown on Todd Road, bounded by the Town dump, Bog Brook, and owned now or formerly by Rino Sanchioni, the

property now or formerly of Charles W. Durgin consisting of five acres more or less.

Article 24. Voted to accept a certain parcel of land in Francestown located at the Junction of Route No. 47 and Abbott Lane (so called) consisting of 1500 square feet more or less, as shown on a map of property of Pearl Abbott Heirs, dated November, 1970.

Article 25. Voted to indefinitely postpone action on this article.

Article 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the support of the Monadnock Region Committee on the Arts; exclusively for such purposes as conducted in the Town of Francestown at the discretion of the Selectmen or their designees.

Articles to be Voted by Ballot

Article 27. Amendment 1.	Yes 203	No 95
Article 28. Amendment 2.	Yes 143	No 159
Article 29. Amendment 3.	Yes 177	No 114
Article 30. Amendment 4.	Yes 188	No 109

Article 31. Resolution:

Whereas: O. Alan Thulander has served as Selectman of the Town of Francestown from 1971 through 1977, and

Whereas: Mr. Thulander has faithfully and diligently discharged the duties of his office under the trying circumstances of his availability by reason of his proximity to the Town Hall.

Therefore be it Resolved that:

The Town of Francestown express its grateful appreciation to Mr. Thulander for his devoted service, and a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mr. Thulander and recorded in the records of the Town of Francestown.

Resolution:

Whereas: "Betsy" Wiederhold has served as Trustee of the George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library from 1971 through 1977, and

Whereas: Mrs. Wiederhold has made an outstanding contribution to the Library and the community through her untiring and generous efforts.

Therefore be it Resolved that:

The Town of Francestown hereby express its grateful appreciation to Mrs. Wiederhold for her service as Trustee, and be it further Resolved that, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded

to Mrs. Wiederhold and recorded in the records of the Town of Francestown.

Resolution:

Whereas: "Jack" Underhill has enhanced the Village Common by his colorful plantings at the Horse Trough, and has saved many a Labor Day spectator from an irritating itch by eradicating poison ivy from the wall at Cemetery No. 1, and has made the Little League Field playable year after year with his volunteers, and

Whereas: "Jack" by his untiring efforts and generosity adds his priceless touch to Francestown.

Therefore be it Resolved that:

The Town of Francestown express its grateful appreciation to "Jack" for his many contributions to the Community, and be it further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Mr. Underhill and recorded in the records of the Town of Francestown.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY
[As of December 31, 1977]

Town Hall, Lands & Buildings	$173,800
Furniture & Equipment	1,200
Libraries, Lands & Buildings	94,050
Furniture & Equipment	36,000
Police Dept., Lands & Buildings	0
Equipment	10,000
Fire Dept., Lands & Buildings	50,050
Equipment	45,000
Highway Dept., Lands & Buildings	12,980.00
Equipment	52,000
Materials & Supplies	1,500
All other Property & Equipment:	
Horse Sheds	24,500
Cemetery Toolshed	2,600
Town Dump (4a.)	800
Town Forest (27.91a.)	5,582
Bixby Dam & Lands (2.6a.)	5,000
Sanchioni Lot (4a.)	600
Mace Triangle	100
Cemetery No. 1	1,500
Cemetery No. 2	1,500
Cemetery No. 3	5,500
Total	$524,262

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Tax Year 1977
Town of Francestown, Hillsborough County

Land — Improved & Unimproved		$3,372,341
Buildings		6,215,936
Factory Buildings		0
Public Utility — Water		5,000
Public Utility — Electric		160,000
House Trailers, Mobile Homes and Travel Trailers		6,000
Boats and Launches		950
Total Valuation before Allowed Exemptions		9,760,227
Elderly Exemptions	$16,400	
Total Exemptions Allowed		16,400
Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is Computed		$9,743,827

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JOHN R. SCHOTT
JOHN L. ARNOLD
ROBERT N. ABBOTT
Selectmen of Francestown

ITEMIZATION OF QUALIFYING CURRENT USE ACREAGES AND ASSESSMENTS

Land Categories	A No. of Acres	B Assessed Value per RSA 75:1	C Current Use Value
Permanent Pasture	105.4	20,822	4,161
Forage Crops	139.6	28,925	20,033
Forest Land	2,362.5	441,990	33,595
Wild Land	2,615.8	503,491	63,780
Wetland	433.4	74,358	1,751
Inactive Farm Land	21.9	5,238	783
Totals	5,678.6	$1,074,823	$ 124,103

Total of all land valuation, improved and unimproved land (RSA 75:1), before application of Current Use	$4,323,061
Total of column B minus column C	950,720
Line 1 of summary inventory of valuation	$3,372,341

	Owners	Acres
Number of applicants for Current Use, 1977, and aggregate total of acres for which applications made	70	6,538.6
Number of property owners granted Current Use exemption in 1977 and total number of acres exempted	64	5,678.6

Homeowners Exemptions

	Value Exempted
Age 65 and over (8)	$ 16,400
Under 65 years of age (0)	0
Total Valuation Exempted	$ 16,400

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION AND TAXES ASSESSED

Town Officers' Salaries		$ 2,700.00
Town Officers' Expenses		5,500.00
Election and Registration Expenses		250.00
Town Hall & Other Building Expense		3,000.00
Tax Map		700.00
Police Department		7,400.00
Fire Department		5,070.00
Blister Rust & Care of Trees		500.00
Planning and Zoning		500.00
Insurance		7,800.00
Forest Fire Protection		500.00
Health Department		924.00
Vital Statistics		15.00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal		3,500.00
Town Road Aid		1,155.00
Town Maintenance		77,792.00
Street Lighting		1,300.00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		8,975.00
Library		10,485.00
Old Age Assistance		200.00
Cemeteries		500.00
Conservation		150.00
Damages & Legal Expenses		2,000.00
Employees' Retirement and Soc. Sec.		1,600.00
Principal — Long Term Notes & Bonds		6,000.00
Interest — Long Term Notes & Bonds		565.00
Interest on Temporary Loans		2,200.00
Capital Outlay:		
Article No. 4	$20,500.00	
Article No. 8	1,694.12	
Article No. 9	1,040.00	
Article No. 10	365.00	
Article No. 11	4,500.00	
Article No. 12	1,200.00	
Article No. 13	7,000.00	
Article No. 15	750.00	
Article No. 18	403.00	
Article No. 21	400.00	
Article No. 20	475.00	
	—————	38,327.12

Payments to Capital Reserve Funds:		
Article No. 14	$ 500.00	
Article No. 16	1,000.00	
Article No. 17	2,000.00	
Article No. 19	500.00	
	———	4,000.00
		———
Total Appropriations		$193,608.12

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:		
Resident Taxes	$ 5,000.00	
Yield Taxes	1,529.04	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,000.00	
Meals and Rooms Tax	5,128.00	
Interest & Dividends Tax	38,362.45	
Savings Bank Tax	2,268.75	
Highway Subsidy	13,974.90	
Reimb. a/c State-Federal Forest Land	96.00	
Dog Licenses	460.00	
Business Licenses, Permits, and Filing Fees	400.00	
Rent of Town Property	52.00	
Interest Rec'd on Deposits	800.00	
Income From Departments	100.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15,000.00	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds	475.00	
Total Revenue & Credits	———	94,646.14
		———
Net Town Appropriations		$ 98,961.86
Net School Appropriations		277,978.15
County Tax Assessments		30,421.24
		———
Total of Town, School & County		$407,361.25
Deduct: Total Bus. Profits Tax Reimb.		2,500.00
Add: War Service Credits		3,750.00
Add: Overlay		20,117.14
(Max. Overlay—Per Arthur Davis)	$20,328.84	
		———
Property Taxes to be Raised		$428,728.39

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers' Salaries and Compensation

Moderator: Harold Varnum	$ 15.00
Town Clerk: Herman C. Miller	1,032.00
Town Treasurer: Donald A. Marsden	100.00
Selectman: John R. Schott	270.00
Selectman: John L. Arnold	270.00
Selectman: Robert N. Abbott	270.00
Tax Collector: Elizabeth M. Behrsing	848.40
Overseer of Public Welfare: R. Franklin Mace	36.00
Building Inspector: William P. Mitchell	145.00
Building Inspector: Thomas Bournival	12.50
Dog Warden: Willis O. Hadley	500.00
	$3,498.90

Town Officers' Expenses

Harold Varnum, Postage	$ 1.04
Herman C. Miller, Supplies and Expenses	149.50
Donald A. Marsden, Postage and Supplies	33.56
John R. Schott, Postage and Phone Calls	294.34
John Arnold, Supplies	58.73
Elizabeth M. Behrsing, Postage and Expenses	263.56
Sylvia Taylor, Office Supplies	42.94
Donald Marsden, Bookkeeping	510.00
Evelyn Souckup, Bkkpg. & Sec'y. Services	56.65
Postmaster, Postage Stamps and Box Rent	219.05
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	397.62
The Francestown Press, Supplies	336.50
N.H. Assoc. of Assessors, Dues	10.00
N.H. City and Town Assoc., Dues	10.00
N.H. Tax Collector Assoc., Dues	10.00
N.H. City and Town Assoc., Dues 1978	10.00
State of N.H., Audit	951.40
Register of Deeds, recording costs	23.60
Steele Book Store, Supplies	67.32
Cabinet Press, Town Reports and Inventories	1,274.25
Homestead Press, Supplies	17.01
Camera and Film for Assessing	192.27
New England Business Services, Supplies	40.39
Forrest F. Tenney, Vet. Services	10.00

Willis O. Hadley, Burying Dog	10.00
R. Franklin Mace, Welfare Officer Expenses	14.00
Branham Publishing Co., Auto Book	14.50
Richard Leavitt, Unlock File	8.00
Office Dimension, Tab Card File	41.46
Wheeler and Clark, Dog Tags and Licenses	32.17
State of N.H. Publication	2.00
Henry C. Humphrey, Beach Rent	1.00
S.W.N.H. Reg. Planning Commission	3.00
Buck A Bill Services, Copies of Legislation	18.00
State of N.H. Appraisal Cards	18.00
Helen Ring Business Services, Typing	49.00
Charles Brien, Desk and Chair	13.00
State of N.H., Boat Forms	7.50
Equity Publ. Corp., R.S.A.s plus Supplement	156.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, (to be refunded by CETA)	361.80
Ashley Prest, Ballot Box	50.00
Monadnock Ledger, Public Notice	27.00
	$5,806.16

Town Hall and Other Town Buildings

Public Service Company of N.H., Power	$ 629.90
Miller Plumbing, Repairs	386.67
Daniels Garage, Fuel	1,061.73
Royal Cleaves, Plowing	21.00
John G. Coakley, Custodial Care	169.36
I. H. Vadney, Supplies	16.47
Robert Rokes, Lawn Care	115.00
Francestown Water and Electric Co., Water Service	18.00
W. E. Archambault, Repair Town Clock	51.66
Donald Hoyt, Carpentry Work	154.35
	$2,624.14

Highways — Summer and Winter Maintenance

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	$ 8,849.10	$17,521.15	
John Paige	7,441.76		
Clayton Foote, Jr.	7,860.02		
George Morgan	891.24		
Ronald Kullgren	51.25		
Steve Paige	118.68		

Donald Hardwick	247.00		
Paul Ellis	540.00		
Richard Foote	132.00		
Richard Hoyt	235.28		
Richard Leavitt		950.50	
Steve Miller		1,459.50	
Ralph Rokes		769.60	
Kris Stewart		152.00	
Frank Jones		42.50	
Peter Demmitt		564.00	
Wilfred Foote		76.80	
Richard O. Miller		731.00	
Auto Parts Sales Co.			6.86
I. H. Vadney			108.63
B.B. Chain Co.			1,280.85
Nina Abbott			507.10
Beede Waste Oil Co.			725.00
Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co.			3,127.43
White Hall Chemical Co.			553.60
Milford Asphalt Co.			95.13
Metra Chemical Corp.			2,672.92
R.C. Hazelton Co.			110.66
International Salt Co.			2,971.35
Safety Road Material Corp.			994.08
	$26,366.33	$22,266.95	$13,153.00

Total Summer and Winter Highways — $61,786.89

General Highway Expense

Public Service, Power	$ 161.77
Metra Chemical Corp., Supplies	322.53
I.H. Vadney, Supplies & Gas	555.49
Daniels Garage, Fuel	1,422.11
Auto Parts Sales Co., Parts	436.62
R.C. Hazelton Co., Inc., Parts	2,244.50
Lawson Products, Inc.	377.63
Wilkins Lumber Co., Material	33.28
Penn Hampshire Lab., Oil	646.02
Artic Insulation Co., Insulation	375.00
Mr. Gee's Tire Co., Grader Tires & Repairs	842.50
Sanel Auto Parts, Inc., Parts	533.96
Ralph Rokes, Chain Saw	341.15

Panbro Sales, Parts	100.16
Palmer Spring Co., Parts	89.70
Gilbert Welding , Inc., Repairs	113.82
Jason Highway Supplies, Supplies	298.31
Treas., State of N.H., Signs	474.95
Donald Hoyt, Carpentry	83.75
	$9,452.87

Road Subsidy

	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	$5,879.85	
Town of Greenfield	238.00	
Wilfred Foote	204.00	
Auto Parts Sales Co.		254.68
B.B. Chain Co.		205.00
Manchester Oxygen Co., Inc.		42.50
International Salt Co.		1,333.57
Safety Road Materials Corp.		879.06
Penn Hampshire Lub. Corp.		436.34
Milford Asphalt Co.		455.85
Daniels Garage		322.37
Beede Waste Oil Corp.		725.00
Sanel Auto Parts		236.20
Lorden Lumber Co.		576.00
I.H. Vadney		123.68
Nina Abbott		126.00
Ralph Rokes		135.50
Lake Asphalt & Petroleum Co.		938.46
Mr. Gee's Tire Co.		12.50
Metra Chem. Corp.		244.02
Penn Culvert Co.		127.92
	$6,321.85	$7,174.65

Total Road Subsidy — $13,496.50

Tax Map

William MacAdam, Tax Map Sheets and Records	$ 608.75
Hillsboro County Tax Map	5.00
Eastman Kodak Co., Microfilm Reader	315.25
Hayes Engineering	11.00
	$ 940.00

Election and Registration Expenses

Ballot Clerks:	
Shirley Jones	$ 10.00
C. Gladys St. John	10.00
Winnifred Hoyt	10.00
Bernice Miller	10.00
Supervisors of Check List:	
Israel H. Vadney, Jr.	10.00
Nellie Abbott	10.00
Doris Basset	10.00
Kenyon Farms, Print Check List	25.00
The Francestown Press, Printing Ballots	74.00
Evan Printing Co., Voter Reg. Cards	27.50
	$ 196.50

Duncan Fund

	Labor	Equip.	Materials
Robert Foote	$ 315.00	$1,306.00	
Clayton Foote, Jr.	280.00		
John Paige	280.00		
Penn Culvert			2,567.17
	$ 875.00	$1,306.00	$2,567.17

Total Duncan Fund — $4,748.17

Police Department Salaries

Chief: Peter Flood	$3,997.00
Sergeant: Roy Borden	99.75
Officer: Charles Burrage	661.50
Officer: Lawrence Kullgren	312.08
Officer: Peter Dimmitt	726.18
Officer: John Hyde	93.00
Officer: Alfred Kelley	183.00
	$6,072.51

Police Department Expenses

I. H. Vadney, Gas for Cruiser	$ 472.13
New England Telephone, Police Phone	1,383.31
State of N.H., Radio Repairs	56.81
Ben's Uniforms, Lights and Batteries	60.87
Charles Clougherty Co., Flares	36.36
Perry Motors	48.37
R&R Communications, Police Radio and Repairs	200.54
Steele's Book Store, Supplies	44.27
Sheldon Automotive, Parts	37.45
Auto Parts Sales Co., Fuses	4.20
Kustom Signal, Inc., Police Radar	1,898.00
Duke Garage, Repairs to Cruiser	130.00
The Francestown Press, Police Forms	60.50
Yankee Auto Parts, Parts	3.71
Riley's Sport Shop, Shells	18.50
Motorola, Inc., Batteries	38.00
Morey's Uniforms, Uniforms	104.85
Wright Communications, Radar Repairs	22.10
Penn-Hampshire Lab., 2-cycle oil	14.94
R. L. Whitcomb, (Siren, Spotlight, Rain Gear, etc.)	764.17
	$5,399.35

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Auto Permits, 934 issued		$17,279.50
Dog Licenses:		
179 Male & Spayed	$379.20	
16 Female	83.00	
1 Kennel	43.00	
	$505.20	
Paid Out:		
Commission on 196 Licenses	41.00	
		464.20
Filing Fees		7.00
Total Receipts		$17,750.70

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES OF 1977

[As of January 1, 1978]

Residents

Steven & Pamela Berry	$ 242.00	
Ada Bixby	564.00	
Allen Block	400.00	Bal.
Jocelyn & James Bolle	1,078.00	
Roy & Alice Borden	748.00	
Denise & Kevin Cleary	1,056.00	
Colburn Co.	66.00	
Ernestine Daigneault	418.60	
Margaret Davis	1,477.30	
Lina & Michael de Tarnowski	814.00	
Charles Easterly	235.40	
Sandra & Paul Ellis	662.64	
Virginia Fossel	943.61	
Margery S. Foster	1,050.00	
Richard & Marla Foote	418.00	
Francestown Water & Electric Co.	220.00	
Thomas & Marion Gannett	807.88	
Melville & Jacqueline Garbitt	1,842.00	
Willis O. Hadley	286.00	
M. E. & C. S. Hagen	106.68	Bal.
Harold & Helen Hammond	246.09	
Hammond Promotions, Inc.	1,804.00	
Carl & Dorothy Hardwick	996.10	
R. P. & K. L. Horn	1,300.46	
John & Margaret Houlihan	411.49	
George Kunhardt, Jr.	1,794.39	
Paul & Hazel Kuty	522.50	
Thomas & Barbara Mausolff	406.50	
Edwin Merrill	757.88	
Judith & William Mitchell	836.00	
George Morgan	220.00	
Barbara J. Morico	273.68	
Gertrude McClary	159.28	Bal.
William Nichols	91.40	Bal.
William Nickerson	3,561.08	
Clarence Paige	461.12	
Mabel Pratt	789.80	
Ski Crotched Mt. Inc.	15,771.89	
Robert Stack	22.00	

Diane Sweet	726.00	
Janet & Ronald Subka	198.00	
Heide Topping	990.00	
Ellsworth Towlen	374.00	
William & Bessann Triplett	572.00	
Maureen & James VonRosenvinge	1,722.86	
James & Vivian Wharton	524.70	
Anna K. Yoss	1,454.95	
Person or Persons Unknown	96.80	
Person or Persons Unknown	70.40	
Person or Persons Unknown	19.27	
Person or Persons Unknown	55.00	
Total Residents	$50,665.83	

Non Residents

Robert Baldwin Jr. & Sr.	$ 19.80	
Martha C. Bixby	308.00	
Thomas E. Bixby III	676.06	
Richard & Ellen Briggs	308.00	
Arthur Cernotta	152.80	Bal.
Compro, Inc.	92.40	
Thomas Curren & Thomas McDonnell	782.52	Bal.
Jack & Nancy Curren	52.80	Bal.
Henry C. Dodge	264.00	
Patrick Drinkwater	750.11	Bal.
Eddy & Rich Realty	784.65	
John Egan Co.	1,372.80	
Mary Flagg & Patricia Sweeney	3.00	Bal.
Benjamin & Nancy Foster	807.88	
Donald & Lucille Gelineaus	88.00	
John & Denise Glover	264.00	
Natalie & William Gray	66.00	
David & Dorothy Hackett	330.00	
John Harkins	807.88	
Arthur & Gloria Hebert	440.00	
Lawrence Hawkins	264.00	
Holmes & Kennedy, Inc.	807.88	
Catherine Howell	1,598.52	
Norman Jacobs	616.00	
John Joy	343.20	
Robert Keezer	152.00	Bal.
William & Evelyn Kermond	807.88	

Walter & Nancy Koroski	44.00
John Lanoie	176.00
Land Vest Properties, Inc.	11,751.56
John P. Lassen	290.40
Donald McDonald	439.65
Masonic Lodge	506.00
Norman & Marie Mussey	138.22
Duane McDuffee	44.00
Edward P. McDuffee	332.02
Onset Corp.	6,489.91
Pearl Real Estate	22.00
Phillip & Betty Sue Riddle	44.00
Paul & Theresa Schofield	272.80
Edleff H. Schwaab	378.40
Donald & Kathleen Severance	682.00
Aurel Brockway Sidway	911.68
John Ames Steffian	149.60
Harold & Thelma Stewart	221.10
Eastman Taylor	990.00
Timothy Taylor	695.20
Constance & Anthony Testa	46.20
Pamela Thoma	110.00
Magda Tisza	297.00
Torres Ind.	422.40
Wagner Woodlands	88.20
John & Nancy Grimm White	25.26
Kenneth & Betty Whitney	176.00
Byron & Naida Wight	35.20
John Young	440.00
Total Non Residents	$39.159.01

Added Taxes Levy 1977

Louis & Elizabeth Wiederhold	44.00
Total of Uncollected Property Taxes	$89,868.84

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1977, on account of the tax levy of 1977, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ELIZABETH M. BEHRSING, Tax Collector

UNCOLLECTED RESIDENT TAXES

[As of January 1, 1978]

Robert Ames
Eleanor Downey
Steven Downey
Abigail Easterly
Charles Easterly
Sandra L. Ellis
Richard A. Foote
Marla I. Foote
Walter Foote
Thomas Gannett
Marion Gannett
A. Rogers Hamel
Melody Joy Hammond
Carl Hardwick
Dorothy Hardwick
Gloria Hebert
Arthur Hebert
Jay E. Irwin
Marion J. Kay
John A. Kay
Paul G. Kuty
Hazel G. Kuty
Alana Korda
Ethel B. MacAdam Stubbs
Deborah Olson
Harold Olson
Marjory Oranzo
Caroly S. Pelley
Donald G. Pelley
David Perry
Ole Petersen
Vickie Petersen
Carl Petersen
Anne Petersen
Nathan Sanderson IV
Ozzie C. Sweet
Diane R. Sweet
Raymond Tricono
Charles J. Wasserloos
Jane F. Wasserloos
Elizabeth B. Welles
William W. Wharton
John R. Wharton

43 Uncollected Resident Taxes at $10.00 each $430.00

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ELIZABETH M. BEHRSING, Tax Collector

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

Balance in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1977		$130,962.84
Elizabeth M. Behrsing, Tax Collector:		
1974 Redemptions	$ 39.82	
1974 Interest & Costs after Sale	8.20	
	———	48.02
1975 Redemptions	$ 4,535.73	
1975 Interest & Costs after Sale	714.43	
	———	5,250.16
1976 Property Tax	$ 40,066.24	
1976 Interest	1,059.41	
1976 Resident Tax	280.00	
1976 Resident Tax Penalties	26.00	
1976 Redemptions	6,032.51	
1976 Interest & Costs after Sale	295.14	
1976 Yield Tax	656.61	
	———	48,415.91
1977 Property Tax	$330,092.81	
1977 Resident Tax	4,430.00	
1977 Resident Tax Penalties	20.00	
1977 Yield Tax	5,585.48	
1977 Current Use Penalties	243.90	
	———	340,372.19
Herman C. Miller, Clerk:		
1977 Automobile Permits	$ 17,286.75	
Dog Licenses	456.95	
Filing Fees	7.00	
	———	17.750.70
Loans:		
Souhegan National Bank—Short Term		126,000.00
State of New Hampshire:		
Gas Tax Subsidy	$ 13,974.90	
Class V Highways	4,891.81	
Business Profits Tax	2,692.64	
Savings Bank Tax	2,268.75	
Interest & Dividends Tax	38,362.45	
Rooms & Meals Tax	5,128.00	

Reimbursement for Police Radio	1,106.00	
Reimbursement for Police Radar	949.00	
Reimbursement for State Lands	96.00	
Reimbursement for Forest Fire	206.97	
Return of Aid to Disabled	13.14	
Return of Old Age Assistance	240.61	
	———	69,930.27

Unclassified:

Rentals, Town Hall	$ 72.00
Building Permits	465.00
Pistol Permits	40.00
U.S. Treasury Department —	
Federal Revenue Sharing	9,455.00
Anti-Recession Payments	118.00
Souhegan National Bank —	
Interest on General Funds	1,559.75
Interest on Fed. Revenue Sharing	533.92
Phillip Ireland — Planning Board Fees	176.00
William MacAdam — Planning Board Fees	125.00
Norwood Realtors — Copy of Zoning Ord.	1.00
Nancy Topliffe — Copy of Zoning Ord.	2.00
N.C. Lord — Copy of Town Report	1.00
Eugene Nichols — Copy of Town Report	1.00
Edward Jordan Co. — Tax Map Sheets	40.00
Henry Hildreth — Copy of Town Report	.60
C.E. Pitchard — Planning Board Fees	5.00
Concentrated Employment Program —	
Copy of Town Report	3.00
Ellen Hill — Zoning Ordinance Violation	200.00
Richard Merrill — Planning Board Fees	44.00
Robert Cutter — Cemetery Lot	200.00
J.A. Megroz — Reimburse Dog Damage	210.00
William Vitale — Copy of Zoning Ord.	1.00
Michael Sullivan — Copy of Zoning Ord.	1.00
Joe Marino, Jr. — Copy of Zoning Ord.	1.00
Stuart Clark Insurance — Return Premium	90.00
Carl Hunt — Zoning Violation Penalty	25.00
Trustees of Trust Funds — Capital Reserve	
Interest — Cemetery Fund	475.00
Raymond Maher — Zoning Violation Penalty	25.00
Bixby Memorial Library — Reimburse	
FICA Tax	1,020.34
Virginia Ellis — Copy of Zoning Ord.	1.00

Southern N.H. Services — Reimburse Blue Cross	180.90
Cash Sale — Copy of Zoning Ord.	1.00
Home Insurance Co., — Reimburse Bridge Damage	324.25
Virginia Ellis — Copy of Zoning Ord.	1.00
Town of Greenfield — Sale of tire	35.00
Total Unclassified	$ 15,433.76
Total Receipts	$754,163.85
Total Payments	629,065.78
Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1977	$125,098.07

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD A. MARSDEN, Treasurer

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REPORTS AND EXHIBITS

(See Selectmen's Note on Page 4)

EXHIBIT A-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1976 and December 31, 1977

ASSETS	December 31, 1976		December 31, 1977	
Cash:				
In Hands of Treasurer	$130,963		$125,098	
In Hands of Tax Collector	50		50	
In Hands of Fire Department	1,021		1,362	
		$132,034		$126,510
Long-Term Notes Authorized - Unissued:				
Purchase of Vested Interest in Disposal Site (Article 8-a-1974)		3,000		3,000
Capital Reserve Funds:				
(Exhibit G)		12,696		17,063
Accounts Due To Town:				
Ski Crotched				504
Unredeemed Taxes (Exhibit C-2)		4,575		
Uncollected Taxes (Exhibit C-1)		41,262		90,513
TOTAL ASSETS		$193,567		$237,590

LIABILITIES & CURRENT SURPLUS	December 31, 1976		December 31, 1977	
Appropriations Forwarded:				
(Exhibit A-3)		$ 2,972		$ 4,594
Unexpended Balance of Non-Revenue Appropriations:				
(Article 8-a-1974)		3,000		3,000
Unexpended Federal Funds:				
Revenue Sharing	$4,892		$14,835	
Anti-Recession			118	
		$ 4,892		$ 14,953
Yield Tax Security Deposits		477		1,517
Property Tax Overpayments To Be Refunded				381
Due to State of New Hampshire:				
Uncollected	$ 110		$ 36	
Collected - Not Remitted	687		1,167	
		$ 797		$ 1,203
Capital Reserve Funds (Contra)		12,696		17,063
School District Tax Payable		141,531		148,457
Total Liabilities		$166,365		$191,168
Current Surplus		27,202		46,422
TOTAL LIABILITIES & CURRENT SURPLUS		$193,567		$237,590

EXHIBIT A-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Analysis of Change in Current Financial Condition
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Current Surplus - December 31, 1977		$46,422	
Current Surplus - December 31, 1976		27,202	
Increase in Current Surplus			$19,220

Analysis of Change

Increases in Current Surplus:			
Net Budget Surplus (Exhibit A-4)	$29,026		
Decrease in Accounts Payable			
Bills Outstanding	147		
Yield Tax Deposits	47		
		$29,220	
Decrease in Current Surplus			
Surplus Used to Reduce Tax		10,000	
Net Increase			$19,220

EXHIBIT A-3
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1976	Appropriations 1977	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1977	Balances Unexpended	Balances Overdrafts	Appropriations Forwarded To 1978
General Government:								
Town Officers' Salaries	$	$ 2,700	$	$ 2,700	$ 3,486	$	$ 786	$
Town Officers' Expenses		5,500		5,500	5,819		319	
Election and Registration Expenses		250		250	197	53		
Expenses Town Hall and Other Buildings		3,000		3,000	2,413	587		
Tax Map		$ 700		700	929		229	
Manpower Training Program	211			211	211			
Protection of Persons and Property:								
Police Department		7,400	1,452 (1)	8,853	11,472		2,619	
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires		5,570	207	5,777	5,565	212		
Blister Rust and Care of Trees		500		500		500		
Planning and Zoning		500		500	709		209	
Insurance		7,800	271	8,071	8,178		107	
Conservation Commission		150		150				150
Health Insurance		1,494		1,494	923	571		
Health Department:								
Health Dept. - Hospital - Ambulance		924		924	924			
Vital Statistics		15		15	15			
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	105	3,500		3,605	3,053	552		
Visiting Nurse Association		1,040		1,040	1,040			
Family Mental Health Service		365		365	365			
Transportation of Refuse Containers		4,500		4,500	2,760	1,740		
Rodent Control		1,200		1,200	1,168	32		

EXHIBIT A-3 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1976	Appropriations 1977	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1977	Balances Unexpended	Balances Overdrafts	Appropriations Forwarded To 1978
Highways & Bridges:								
Town Road Aid	$	$ 1,155	$	$ 1,155	$ 1,155	$	$	$
Town Maintenance		77,792		77,792	75,619	2,173		
Street Lighting		1,300		1,300	1,209	91		
General Expenses of Highway Department		8,975		8,975	9,453		478	
Painting Town Garage		400		400				400
Class V - Highway Maintenance			4,892	4,892	4,892			
Libraries:								
Library		10,485		10,485	9,985	500		
Public Welfare:								
Old Age Assistance		200		200	18	182		
Public Services Enterprises:								
Cemeteries		500		500	500			
New Cemetery Sales		475		475	475			
Unclassified:								
Damages and Legal Expenses		2,000	210	2,210	2,913		703	
Employees' Retirement and Social Security		1,600	1,020	2,620	2,211	409		
Municipal Association		200		200	200			
Commission on the Arts					500		500	

EXHIBIT A-3 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

	Appropriations Forwarded From 1976	Appropriations 1977	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures 1977	Balances Unexpended	Balances Overdrafts	Appropriations Forwarded To 1978
Debt Service:								
Principal - Long Term Notes & Bonds	$	$ 6,000	$	$ 6,000	$ 6,000	$	$	$
Interest - Long Term Notes & Bonds		565		565	567		2	
Interest on Temporary Loans		2,200		2,200	1,458	742		
Capital Outlay:								
Land & Buildings:								
Bixby Pond Dam (Article 4, 1974)	141			141				141
Repair Town Hall Roof (Article 20, 1976)	1,368			1,368		1,368		
Highways & Bridges:								
Main Street Sidewalk	1,000	750		1,750	1,500	250		
Poor Farm Bridge		20,500	324	20,824	18,880	1,944		
Recycling Facilities		7,000		7,000		3,500		3,500
New Equipment:								
Police Radios		403		403				403
Payments to Capital Reserve Funds:		4,000		4,000	4,000			
Totals a/c Town Appropriations	$ 2,825	$193,608	8,377	204,810	190,762	15,406	5,952	4,594
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:								
School District Tax	141,531	277,978		419,509	271,052			148,457
County Tax		30,421		30,421	30,421			
Overlay - (Discounts, Abatements & Refunds)		20,117		20,117	10,785	9,332		
	$144,356	$522,124	$ 8,377	$674,857	$503,020	$ 24,738	$ 5,952	$153,051

(1) Includes Receipts of $504

EXHIBIT A-4
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

SOURCE	Revenues Estimated	Revenues Actual	Excess
Taxes:			
Current Year:			
Property Taxes	$424,978	$427,342	$ 2,364
Resident Taxes	5,000	5,040	40
Yield Taxes	1,529	2,024	495
Prior Years:			
Property Taxes		545	545
Resident Tax Penalties		46	46
Interest on Delinquent Taxes	1,000	2,320	1,320
Surplus Used to Reduce Tax Rate	10,000	10,000	
State of New Hampshire:			
Highway Subsidy	13,975	13,975	
Interest & Dividends Tax	38,362	38,362	
Savings Bank Tax	2,269	2,269	
Meals & Rooms Tax	5,128	5,128	
Business Profits Tax	2,500	2,693	193
Reimbursements:			
a/c State and Federal Forest Lands	96	96	
a/c Old Age Assistance		254	254

EXHIBIT A-4 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

SOURCE	Revenues Estimated	Revenues Actual	Excess
Federal Government:			
Governor's Commission on Crime	$	$ 1,106	$ 1,106
Local Sources, Except Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	15,000	17,280	2,280
Dog Licenses	460	464	4
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	400	512	112
Rent of Town Property	52	72	20
Interest Received on Deposits	800	1,605	805
Sale of Town Property		35	35
Income From Departments	100	655	555
Withdrawals From Capital Reserve Funds	475	475	
Income From Fire Department		66	66
	$522,124	$532,364	$ 10,240

EXHIBIT A-4 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Comparative Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues
and Budget Summary
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Budget Summary

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations	$ 24,738		
Overdrafts of Appropriations	5,952		
Net Unexpended Balance of Appropriations		$ 18,786	
Actual Revenues	$532,364		
Estimated Revenues	522,124		
Revenue Surplus		$ 10,240	
Net Budget Surplus			$ 29,026

EXHIBIT A-5
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Long-Term Indebtedness
Comparative Balance Sheets
As of December 31, 1976 and December 31, 1977

ASSETS	December 31, 1976	December 31, 1977
Amount To Be Provided For Retirement of Long-Term Debt	$15,000	$9,000

LIABILITIES				
Long-Term Notes Outstanding:				
3 3/4% New Equipment Notes - 1971	$11,000		$9,000	
4% Tax Map Notes - 1972	2,000			
5 1/4% Disposal Site Notes - 1974	2,000			
		$15,000		$9,000

EXHIBIT A-6
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Long-Term Indebtedness
Statement of Debt Service Requirements
As of December 31, 1977

	New Equipment Notes 3 3/4%
Amount of Original Issue	$21,000
Date of Original Issue	March 15, 1971
Principal Payable Date	March 15
Interest Payable Dates	March 15 & September 15
Payable At	Souhegan National Bank Milford, New Hampshire

Maturities - Fiscal Year Ending:	Principal	Interest
December 31, 1978	$2,000	$304
December 31, 1979	2,000	228
December 31, 1980	2,000	152
December 31, 1981	2,000	76
December 31, 1982	1,000	19
	$9,000	$779

EXHIBIT B-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

RECEIPTS			
Current Revenue:			
From Local Taxes:			
Current Year:			
Property Taxes	$330,093		
Resident Taxes	4,430		
Yield Taxes	2,221		
		$336,744	
Prior Years:			
Property Taxes	$ 40,066		
Resident Taxes	280		
Yield Taxes	657		
		$ 41,003	
Tax Sales Redeemed		$ 10,608	
Interest on Delinquent Taxes		$ 2,320	
Resident Tax Penalties		$ 46	
			$390,721
From State of New Hampshire:			
Highways & Bridges:			
Class V - Highway Maintenance		$ 4,892	
Highway Subsidy		13,975	
Interest & Dividends Tax		38,362	
Savings Bank Tax		2,269	
Meals & Rooms Tax		5,128	
Business Profits Tax		2,693	

EXHIBIT B-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

RECEIPTS		
Reimbursements:		
a/c State & Federal Forest Land	$ 96	
a/c Old Age Assistance	254	
Fighting Forest Fines	207	
		$ 67,876
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	$ 17,280	
Dog Licenses	464	
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	512	
Rent of Town Property	72	
Interest Received on Deposits	1,605	
Sale of Cemetery Lots (Contra)	200	
Income From Departments:		
Planning Board	603	
Selectmans' Office	52	
		$ 20,788
Total Current Revenue Receipts		$479,385
Receipts Other Than Current Revenue:		
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	$126,000	
Sale of Town Property	35	
Withdrawals From Capital Reserve Funds	475	
Yield Tax Security Deposits	3,365	

EXHIBIT B-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

RECEIPTS

Receipts Other than Current Revenue: (Continued)			
Grants From U.S.A.:			
Revenue Sharing		$ 9,455	
Interest on Investments of Revenue Sharing Funds		488	
Governor's Commission on Crime:			
Prior Year		1,106	
Current Year		949	
Anti-Recession Funds		118	
Refunds: (Appropriation Credits)			
Insurance	$ 271		
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	1,020		
Poor Farm Bridge	324		
Damages & Legal Expenses	210		
		$ 1,825	
Total Receipts Other Than Current Revenue			$143,816
Total Receipts From All Sources			$623,201
Balance - January 1, 1977			$130,963
GRAND TOTAL			$754,164

EXHIBIT B-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

EXPENDITURES

General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	$ 3,486	
Town Officers' Expenses	5,819	
Election & Registration Expenses	197	
Expenses - Town Hall & Other Buildings	2,413	
Tax Map	929	
Manpower Training Program	211	
		$ 13,055
Protection of Persons & Property:		
Police Department	$ 11,472	
Fire Department, Including Forest Fires	5,840	
Planning & Zoning	709	
Insurance	8,178	
Health Insurance	923	
		$ 27,122
Health Department:		
Health Department, Including Hospitals & Ambulance	$ 924	
Vital Statistics	15	
Visiting Nurse Association	1,040	
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	3,053	
Family Mental Health Service	365	
Transportation of Refuse Containers	2,760	
Rodent Control	1,168	
		$ 9,325
Libraries:		
Library		$ 9,985

EXHIBIT B-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

EXPENDITURES

Highways & Bridges:		
Town Road Aid	$ 1,155	
Town Maintenance	75,619	
Street Lighting	1,209	
General Expenses of Highway Department	9,453	
Class V - Highway Maintenance	4,872	
		$ 92,328
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance		$ 18
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	$ 500	
New Cemetery Sales	475	
		$ 975
Unclassified:		
Commission on the Arts	$ 500	
Damages & Legal Expenses	2,913	
Taxes Bought By Town	6,033	
Employees' Retirement & Social Security	2,211	
Municipal Association	200	
Payments to Trustees of Trust Funds (New Trust Funds)	200	

EXHIBIT B-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

EXPENDITURES

Unclassified: (Continued)			
Discounts, Abatements & Refunds:			
Yield Tax Saving Deposits Refunded	$ 2,278		
Property Tax Interest Refunded	12		
Property Tax Overpayments Refunded	224		
Yield Tax Overpayment Refunded	5		
Property Tax Abatements	1,804		
		$ 4,323	
			$ 16,380
Debt Service:			
Principal - Long Term Notes		$ 6,000	
Interest - Long Term Notes		567	
Principal - Temporary Loans		126,000	
Interest - Temporary Loans		1,458	
			$134,025
Capital Outlay:			
Highway & Bridges:			
Main Street Sidewalks		$ 1,500	
Poor Farm Bridge		18,880	
Payments To Capital Reserve Funds		$ 4,000	
			$ 24,380

EXHIBIT B-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
General Fund
Classified Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

EXPENDITURES

Payments To Other Governmental Divisions:			
County Tax		$ 30,421	
School District Tax:			
1976-77 Assessment	$141,531		
1977-78 Assessment	129,521		
		$271,052	
			$301,473
Total Expenditures for All Purposes			$629,066
Balance - December 31, 1977			$125,098
GRAND TOTAL			$754,164

EXHIBIT B-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Revenue Sharing Funds
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, Encumbrances
and Fund Balance
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Fund Balance - January 1, 1977		$4,892	
Add Revenue:			
Entitlement Payments	$9,455		
Interest	488		
		$9,943	
Fund Balance - December 31, 1977			$14,835

EXHIBIT C-1
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Summary of Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

DR.	Levies Of: 1977	1976	1975
Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 1977:			
Property Taxes	$	$ 40,185	$
Resident Taxes		410	10
Yield Taxes		657	
Taxes Committed To Collector:			
Property Taxes	424,693		
Resident Taxes	4,660		
Yield Taxes	3,123		
Added Taxes:			
Property Taxes	2,649	545	
Resident Taxes	380		
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	244	1,059	
Penalties Collected on Delinquent Resident Taxes	20	26	
Overpayments Refunded:			
a/c Property Taxes	202	22	
a/c Yield Taxes	5		
Overpayments To Be Refunded:			
a/c Property Taxes	381		
	$436,357	$ 42,904	$ 10

EXHIBIT C-1 (Continued)
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Summary of Warrants
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

CR.	Levies Of: 1977	1976	1975
Remittances To Treasurer:			
Property Taxes	$330,093	$ 40,066	$
Resident Taxes	4,430	280	
Yield Taxes	2,221	657	
Interest	244	1,059	
Resident Tax Penalties	20	26	
Abatements Allowed:			
Property Taxes	$ 7,963	$ 686	
Resident Taxes	180	130	10
Yield Taxes	693		
Uncollected Taxes - December 31, 1977:			
Property Taxes	$ 89,869		
Resident Taxes	430		
Yield Taxes	214		
	$436,357	$ 42,904	$ 10

EXHIBIT C-2
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Summary of Tax Sale Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

DR.	Levies Of: 1976	1975	1974
Unredeemed Taxes - January 1, 1977	$	$ 4,536	$ 39
Tax Sale of May 27, 1977	6,033		
Interest & Costs After Sale	295	714	8
	$ 6,328	$ 5,250	$ 47

CR.			
Remittances To Treasurer:			
Redemptions	$ 6,033	$ 4,536	$ 39
Interest & Costs	295	714	8
	$ 6,328	$ 5,250	$ 47

EXHIBIT D
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Statement of Town Clerk's Account
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

DR.

Motor Vehicle Permits Issued:				
1977 Permits			$17,280	
Dog Licenses Issued:				
173 @ $2.00		$346		
16 @ $5.00		80		
1 Kennel @ $43.00		43		
6 Others - Penalties		17		
		$486		
19 Penalties @ $1.00		19		
		$505		
Less Fees:				
190 @ $.20	$38			
6 @ $.50	3			
		$ 41		
			$ 464	
Filing Fees			7	
				$17,751

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:		
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	$17,280	
Dog Licences	464	
Filing Fees	7	
		$17,751

EXHIBIT E-3
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Anne Schott Memorial Fund
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Balance - January 1, 1977	$937		
Receipts During Year:			
Interest Income	47		
		$984	
Expenditures During Year:			
Books		14	
Balance - December 31, 1977			$970

EXHIBIT E-4
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Town History Fund
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Balance - January 1, 1977		$1,390	
Receipts During Year:			
Interest Income	$ 92		
Sale of Town Histories	225		
		$ 317	
		$1,707	
Expenditures During Year:			
		$ 13	
Balance - December 31, 1977			$1,694

EXHIBIT E-5
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library
Memorial Fund
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Balance - January 1, 1977		$ 683	
Receipts During Year:			
Gifts	$435		
Interest on Investment	48		
		$ 483	
		$1,166	
Expenditures During Year:			
Books		$ 343	
Balance - December 31, 1977			$823

EXHIBIT F
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Fire Department
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Balance - January 1, 1977		$1,021	
Receipts During Year:			
Town Appropriation	$5,070		
Telephone Commissions	58		
Miscellaneous	8		
		$5,136	
		$6,157	
Expenditures During Year:			
Equipment and Clothing	$1,330		
Mutual Aid Dues	926		
Repairs:			
Trucks	235		
Radios	172		
Furnace	139		
Fuel Oil	623		
Gas and Oil	290		
Electricity	298		
Training	202		
Supplies	193		
Telephone	182		
Janitor	120		
Water Holes	52		
Water	18		
Postage	15		
		$4,795	
Balance - December 31, 1977			$1,362

EXHIBIT G
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Trust Funds
Summary of Principal, Income and Investments
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

	PRINCIPAL		
	Balance January 1, 1977	New Funds Created	Balance December 31, 1977
Cemetery Funds:			
Common Trust Fund "A"	$ 6,445	$	$ 6,445
Common Trust Fund "B"	3,609		3,609
Individual Accounts	13,022		13,022
Education Funds	1,128		1,128
Library Funds	4,025		4,025
Capital Reserve Funds:			
Road Equipment	634		634
Civil Defense	110		110
Town Hall	304		304
Town Buildings	14		14
Replacement of Fire Truck	5,153	2,000	7,153
New Cemetery	1,717	200	1,917
Fire Department - Radio	772	500	1,272
Police Department - Cruiser	800	1,000	1,800
Library Building	500	500	1,000
Town Hall Furniture	698		698
	$38,931	$4,200	$43,131

Balance December 31 1977	INCOME Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Balance December 31, 1977	Balance Principal & Income December 31, 1977
$2,263	$ 616	$ 585	$2,294	$ 8,739
1,602	368	465	1,505	5,114
1,687	989	335	2,341	15,363
399	113	50	462	1,590
226	130		356	4,381
357	51		408	1,042
98	10		108	218
30	18		48	352
32	3		35	49
1,055	316		1,371	8,524
378	102	475	5	1,922
29	40		69	1,341
15	40		55	1,855
	26		26	1,026
	36		36	734
$8,171	$2,858	$1,910	$9,119	$52,250

Investments

Amoskeag Savings Bank	$ 4,261	
Amoskeag Savings Bank - Investment Certificate	11,599	
Peterborough Savings Bank	4,624	
Peterborough Savings Bank - Time Certificate	10,390	
Peterborough Cooperative Bank - Investment Share	1,500	
The Manchester Bank	18,242	
86 Shares - The Manchester Corporation	1,634	
		$52,250

EXHIBIT H
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Cemetery Commission
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Balance - January 1, 1977		$ 38	
Receipts During Year:			
Income From Trust Fund	$1,385		
Town Appropriation	975		
		$2,360	
		$2,398	
Expenditures During Year:			
Care of Grounds:			
Labor	$1,594		
Materials	500		
Repairs to Pump	102		
Utilities	36		
Draining Pipes	26		
Postage	2		
		$2,260	
Balance - December 31, 1977			$138

EXHIBIT I
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Conservation Commission
Statement of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1977

Balance - January 1, 1977		$2,073	
Receipts During Year:			
Interest Income	$104		
Sale of Telephone Directories	6		
		$ 110	
		$2,183	
Expenditures During Year:			
Wetland Map	$175		
Soil Survey Report	110		
Postage	75		
Dues	50		
Questionnaires	25		
Telephone	12		
		$ 447	
Balance - December 31, 1977			$1,736

EXHIBIT J
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN
Town Officers' Surety Bonds
1977

	Number	Amount	Term Beginning
Town Treasurer:			
Donald A. Marsden Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company	N-4284288	$38,000	March 8, 1977
Tax Collector:			
Elizabeth M. Behrsing Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company	N-4284288	$38,000	March 8, 1977
Town Clerk:			
Herman C. Miller Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company	N-4284288	$ 3,000	March 8, 1977
Trustees of Trust Funds:			
Clifton F. Foote Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company	NF-4040858-B	$ 7,500	March 2, 1976
Charles J. Brien New Hampshire Insurance Company	36-07-32	$ 6,000	March 4, 1975
F. Russell Abbott Hartford Accident & Indemnity Company	4338921	$ 7,500	March 8, 1977

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT AND BUDGET

In 1977 T.R.A. was spent again on Turnpike South; 1,600 feet was rebuilt with underdrain gravel and tar. The cost of this was $10,250.00.

Duncan Fund monies were spent on County Road North again this year with plans to continue. Most of the work done this year was cutting of brush and trees, excavating, and buying of the culverts needed. Winter was upon us before we could put on any gravel; we also put some town money on this project. This year we intend to put in drainage, gravel and maybe do a little blasting.

We sealed part of Turnpike South, Russell Station Road, Woodard Hill Road, and part of Redhouse Road -- about four miles in all.

Culvert repair was made all over town, with more needed.

Cross Road was replanked as was Scobie Pond Bridge and new runners were put on County Road Bridge which will be replanked in 1978.

After much discussion and some delays as how to do the Poor Farm Road Bridge project, the job was finally handed to the highway department to build. We started the job Oct. 1 and with the expert help of Joe and Art Brennan and Phil Ireland, cold hands and wet feet, we completed it in about six weeks. $20,500 was raised for the project, $18,000 did the job except for Ireland's expenses. Plans for the same thing on Russell Station Road are in the works now. Hopefully the same type structure.

Extensive ditching and graveling was done below Phyl Cleaves house on Journey's End Road in '77, plus graveling and upgrading roads about town.

We would like to apologize for not getting all the roads scraped again in the fall. What with the bridge project and early frost and winter setting in, it wasn't possible. We hope we can start this year's bridge a lot earlier when the water is down and a bit warmer.

Winter was extremely hard in '77 with lots of snow and ice. The late storms in the spring were real tough on our budget with trees down and brush galore. It cost about $4,500 to clean up after those last two storms. December started out with a blast, taking a lot of salting and sanding, never mind plowing. We have cut our salt consumption about in half from 1976 and are sanding a lot more. More people are asking for sand as are the police calling us out more.

With storms like in December dragging out for a week at a time, sanding and salting is just about a full time job.

Bob Foote has purchased a new sander, so perhaps we can give a little more and faster service. It takes about eight hours sanding time to get ahead of the school buses and about forty hours to do the whole town. With only one sander it is impossible.

We have a special item in the summer budget this year for $30,000. This is to rehabilitate the mud roads in town. This is to get all the people that live on real muddy roads out year round. Graveling these roads will do that, plus give them the fire and police protection they deserve. Some of the roads are listed below, with the estimated cost of gravel (depending on where we get the material). County Road South - $1,500, Langmaid's Road - $1,118, Turnpike North - $2,236, Wilson Hill - $3,354, Gillis Road to Bennington -$1,118, Candlewood Road - $5,590, Perly Road - $1,118, Journey's End Road - $2,236, Campbell Hill Road - $2,236, Birdsall Road - $2,236; plus crushing of a few thousand yards for where real thickness is not necessary.

We hope you people will strongly support this program. If there are any questions, please call the Road Agent to explain.

The highway employees will not be seeking wage increases this year; we will be trying to hold the line in this area.

I know this is a tremendous budget to raise, but I feel it is needed badly to carry out our year's work ahead. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

We would like to take this time to thank all the people of Francestown for their continued support of the Highway Department and look forward to serving you another year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. FOOTE, Road Agent

Highway Budget — 1978

Summer Highway	
Grading & Raking	$ 11,825.00
Dust Control	1,800.00
Culvert Maintenance	2,500.00
Bridge Repairs	1,000.00
Brush & Tree Removal	2,000.00
Graveling & Ditching	11,000.00
Sealing Black-top Roads	11,000.00

Miscellaneous	3,000.00	
Rehabilitating Mud Rds.	30,000.00*	
Total	———	$74,125.00
Winter Highway		
Plowing & Sanding	$ 26,200.00	
Chain Maintenance	1,200.00	
Plow & Grader Blades	2,500.00	
Sand & Salt Additives	1,600.00	
Salt & Sand	10,000.00	
Miscellaneous	2,500.00	
Total	———	$ 44,000.00
General Expenses Highway		
Grader & Truck Repair	$ 3,500.00	
Bridge Plank	2,000.00	
Culverts	2,000.00	
Lubricants	1,000.00	
Fuel Oil & Gas	3,000.00	
Miscellaneous	1,500.00	
Rake Teeth	400.00	
Town Road Aid	1,145.78	
Total	———	14,545.78
		———
Grand Total		$132,670.78

Estimated revenue from outside sources:

TRA	$ 7,638.52	
Duncan Fund	5,580.20	
Highway Subsidy	13,893.12	
Additional Highway Subsidy (estimated)	7,951.05	
Total	———	$ 35,062.89

*Selectmen's Note: The Road Agent has stated that this is the amount required in order to enable all persons residing on dirt roads to have year-round access to their houses.

Report of the Trust Funds of the Town of Francestown on December 31, 1977

Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust Fund	How Invested	PRINCIPAL Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Balance End Year	INCOME Balance Beginning Year	Amount During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End Year
1954	Co-Mingled Fund "A", Cemetery Care	Amoskeag Savings	$ 6,444.68		$ 6,444.68	$2,262.60	$ 616.29	$ 585.00	$2,293.89
1950	Co-Mingled Fund "B", Cemetery Care	Amoskeag Savings	3,609.28		3,609.28	1,601.72	367.90	465.00	1,504.62
1952	Levi Woodbury Fund, Educational	Amoskeag Savings	1,128.00		1,128.00	398.56	113.34	49.88	462.02
1954	George F. Pettee, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	222.17		222.17	67.63	14.24	20.00	61.87
1954	Vose and Blake, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	493.44		493.44	141.06	31.10	50.00	122.16
1956	Minnie P. Newton, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	109.39		109.39	36.88	7.20	10.00	34.08
1956	N. and N. Pearson, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	220.91		220.91	70.91	14.36	20.00	65.27
1957	Abbott and Bryant, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	332.74		332.74	90.14	20.63	35.00	75.77
1957	Morrill-Gorman-Desrocher, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	548.41		548.41	95.06	31.82	40.00	86.88
1958	Hall and McKinley, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	110.26		110.26	33.18	7.06	10.00	30.24
1962	Henry and Arthur Miller, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	164.75		164.75	31.28	9.45	20.00	20.73
1962	James T. Woodbury, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	109.70		109.70	34.97	7.13	10.00	32.10
1962	Forrest Nichols, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	109.70		109.70	34.97	7.13	10.00	32.10
1962	Norman & Thomas Stewart, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	185.87		185.87	14.35	10.08	5.00	19.43
1963	Bertil Anderson, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	108.92		108.92	34.07	7.04	10.00	31.11
1963	Walter Donnell, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	218.54		218.54	78.61	14.77	15.00	78.38
1964	Bertha D. William, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	163.18		163.18	48.08	10.38	15.00	43.46
1966	William B. Rice, Cemetery Care	Manchester Savings	108.44		108.44	32.68	6.79	15.00	24.47
1968	Abbie A. Dodge, Cemetery Care	Peterborough Savings	8,890.18		8,890.18	710.07	733.72		1,443.79
1969	Everett D. Phillips, Cemetery Care	Peterborough Savings	100.00		100.00	27.42	6.61	10.00	24.03
1970	Archibald Cullens, Cemetery Care	Peterborough Savings	200.00		200.00	56.84	13.38	20.00	50.22
1974	The Lord Family, Cemetery Care	Peterborough Savings	300.00		300.00	34.17	17.78	15.00	36.95
1974	Esther Whittemore, Cemetery Care	Peterborough Savings	25.00		25.00	1.78	1.44		3.22
1975	Lawrence Kullgren, Cemetery Care	Peterborough Savings	100.00		100.00	13.40	6.00	5.00	14.40
1976	William Stone, Cemetery Care	Peterborough Savings	200.00		200.00		10.43		10.43
			$24,203.56		$24,203.56	$5,950.43	$2,086.07	$1,434.88	$6,601.62

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

1956	Town Buildings	Manchester Savings	$ 14.29		$ 14.29	$ 32.37	$ 2.39		$ 34.76
1955	Replacement of Fire Trucks	Manchester Savings	5,153.41	2,000.00	7,153.41	1,054.91	315.71		1,370.62
1960	Town Hall	Manchester Savings	304.00		304.00	30.00	17.54		47.54
1960	Road Equipment	Manchester Savings	633.39		633.39	356.59	51.15		407.74
1958	New Cemetery	Manchester Savings	1,517.34	200.00	1,717.34	578.18	101.58	475.00	204.76
1961	Civil Defense	Manchester Savings	110.34		110.34	97.84	10.65		108.49
1965	Replacement Fire Dept. Radios	Manchester Savings	771.93	500.00	1,271.93	28.72	39.89		68.61
1975	Replacement Police Cruiser	Manchester Savings	800.00	1,000.00	1,800.00	14.72	40.55		55.27
1976	Future Library Building	Peterborough Savings	500.00	500.00	1,000.00		26.10		26.10
1976	Town Hall Furniture and Furnishings	Peterborough Savings	698.00		698.00		36.46		36.46
			$10,502.70	$4,200.00	$14,702.70	$2,193.33	$642.02	$475.00	$2,360.35

LIBRARY FUNDS:

*	George H. Bixby Fund, Library Fund	Amoskeag Savings	1,025.00		1,025.00				
*	George H. Bixby Fund, Library Fund	Peterborough Savings	1,500.00		1,500.00				
1974	Charles and Marion Vose, Library Fund	Peterborough Savings	1,500.00		1,500.00	226.20	129.50		355.70
			$4,025.00		$4,025.00	$226.20	$129.50		$355.70

*Trustee of Trust Funds Custodian of Principal Only

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHARLES J. BRIEN
F. RUSSELL ABBOTT
CLIFTON F. FOOTE
Trustees

FIRE INSURANCE SCHEDULE 1977

Town of Francestown, New Hampshire

Buildings and Contents

$323,600 Blanket insurance on all buildings per appraisal
4,000 on Contents of Library
500 on Contents of Selectmen's Office

Other Property and Vehicles

$ 25,000 on Motor Grader
1,000 on Concord Stagecoach
7,025 on Fire Department radios, monitors, and emergency equipment
2,700 on 1954 International Fire Truck and Equipment
20,000 on 1969 International Fire Truck and Equipment
1,400 on 1948 Ford Fire Truck and Equipment

Actual Cash Value on 1974 Plymouth Police Cruiser, Radios and Equipment

Workmen's Compensation on all Town Employees

Liability and Property Damage on all Town Buildings, Vehicles and Operations

$2,000 Blanket Accident Policy on Members of Fire Department

Burglary and Robbery Policy covering Office of the Town Treasurer and Tax Collector

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Officers for the year 1977 were as follows: Chief, Clifton F. Foote; 1st Deputy Chief, Lawrence R. Kullgren; 2nd Deputy Chief, Robert Cutter; Captains, Richard Leavitt and Donald Marsden; Secretary, Alvin Van Cleaves; Treasurer, Donald Abbott; Fire Police Officer, John Coakley; and Fire Prevention and Training Officer, Norman Stewart. Members of the Standing Committee - Donald Hoyt, Richard Leavitt and Louis Weiderhold.

The V.F.D. wishes to thank all its friends for their donations for the Labor Day Supper and for all contributions made to the Department throughout the year. The money was used as in past years to buy new equipment.

Throughout the year, the Department held monthly training meetings under the direction of Norman Stewart, and many of the members attended the annual fire training school sessions held at Meadowwood. Through the efforts of Robert Foote, an army ambulance was acquired from U.S. Government Surplus and members of the Department equipped it as a rescue vehicle. Bob also made available for the use of the Fire Department a 4,500 gallon water tank which is owned by him. The firemen wish to thank the Women's Auxiliary for their generous donation to the Department and their contribution to the rescue squad fund.

This past year, the Volunteer Fire Department answered 11 calls for chimney fires, 3 structure fires, 4 out-of-town calls for mutual aid, 4 dump fires, 2 brush fires. It made 4 smoke checks, and it inspected all chimneys upon requests by the owners. The fire station was also properly manned during 4 power failures. The Rescue Squad answered 10 calls to assist the ambulance, auto accidents, and resuscitator calls.

A first aid refresher course was held during this year. Norman Stewart, Jack Coakley, Ray Plante, Bob Cutter, and members of the Women's Auxiliary held a program for the annual Fire Prevention Week for the school children and the town kindergarten.

I wish to thank all the townspeople for their continued efforts and awareness in good fire prevention.

CLIFTON F. FOOTE, Chief

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT
Firewards' Report

INCOME 1977

Balance on Hand, Jan. 1, 1977	$1,021.65
N.E.T. Rebate	58.35
Town Appropriation	5,070.00
Misc. Income	10.65
Total	$6,160.65

EXPENDITURES

Electricity	$ 297.82
Fuel	622.78
Supplies	349.86
Hose	— —
Truck Repairs	62.62
Gas & Oil	289.98
Heater Repairs	139.05
Radio Repairs	306.50
Water Holes	52.00
Telephone	182.24
Mutual Aid	926.65
Postage	14.80
Janitor Service	120.00
Training	202.00
Protective Clothing	1,214.76
Water Bill	18.00
Total	$4,799.06

Reserves:		
Protective Clothing	$ 479.96	
Fuel	316.52	
Electricity	42.23	
Furnace Repair	25.10	
Water Bill	18.00	
Hose & Coupling & Equipment	479.78	
Total	$1,361.59	
Balance on Hand		$1,361.59

FRANCESTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUDGET

	1977 Proposed	1977 Expend.	1978 Proposed
Electricity	$ 420.00	$ 340.05	$ 450.00
Fuel	800.00	806.23	900.00
Supplies	300.00	349.86	350.00
Hose & Equipment	450.00	479.78	450.00
Truck Repairs	250.00	62.62	250.00
Gas & Oil	225.00	289.98	350.00
Heater Repairs	100.00	25.10	100.00
Radio Repairs	250.00	306.50	450.00
Water Holes	40.00	52.00	60.00
Telephone	200.00	182.24	200.00
Mutual Aid	850.00	926.65	1,000.00
Postage	25.00	14.80	25.00
Janitor Service	120.00	120.00	120.00
Training	200.00	202.00	250.00
Protective Clothing and Equipment	800.00	945.19	800.00
Water Bill	40.00	40.00	40.00
Administrative Expenses			400.00
Totals	$5,070.00	$5,139.00	$6,195.00

Report of District Fire Chief and Town Forest Fire Warden

Forest fire control in New Hampshire is a joint state and town responsibility (RSA 224).

The Director, Division of Forests and Lands (State Forester) appoints a forest fire warden and several deputy forest fire wardens in each town upon the recommendation of local authorities.

The local forest fire warden is responsible for forest fire prevention and suppression activities in his town. He regulates the kindling of outside fires when the ground is not covered with snow by the issuance of written permits only when conditions are safe. He is responsible for suppression with the town and state sharing the cost. Suppression costs in excess of ¼ of 1% of the assessed valuation of the town are assumed by the state.

The state provides training for the local fire organization and helps coordinate activities between towns/cities. The state also supports local forces with backup personnel, equipment, and supplies for suppression and prevention.

This combination of state and local cooperation, started in 1893, works well, for New Hampshire has enjoyed one of the smallest acreage losses due to forest fires in the United States for the past 25 years.

1977 Forest Fire Statistics

	No. of Fires	No. of Acres Burned
State	1,091	2,386
District	124	76½
Town	2	1¼

GILBERT TESTA, District Fire Chief

RICHARD F. LEAVITT, Forest Fire Warden

FOREST FIRE WARDEN REPORT

I would like to thank all who are involved in keeping our town green. This is becoming to be more of a problem each year, as more people move into Francestown. Some people think that they may burn whatever they wish, especially with wood cook-outs. I will repeat, you must have a permit to do this and the outdoor fireplace must be approved by the State and local warden. The State law reads "the penalty for kindling a fire in woodlands of another without written permission of the owner or for kindling any fire without a written permit when a permit is required, a person may be fined not more than $1,000.00 or imprisoned for 1 year."

I am not trying to be a dictator, but am trying to keep our town as is. It is your job as much as mine to report fires, not only of woodland nature but even wood campfires. We can't monitor the town on a twenty-four hour basis unless we have help from townspeople.

I would like to remind every person in town that my job is a non-paying job and I am only trying to carry out the laws of the state and to keep Francestown the way we all like it. Thank you for your cooperation and help.

RICHARD F. LEAVITT, Forest Fire Warden

POLICE DEPARTMENT

In 1977, the Francestown Police Department answered over 600 calls. The Department investigated five cases of breaking and entering, some with the help of the State Police. The Department investigated 28 automobile accidents, of which one was a fatality. Most of the rest were attributed to icy roads.

The Department investigated 16 calls of theft of skiis at Crotched Mountain, this was down from 1976.

With the help of the new radar unit we have been able to monitor traffic better. This has resulted in over 300 traffic citations. With all of the arrests the Department made this year, only four were found not guilty in Goffstown District Court. We had one car stolen this year, and the subjects were apprehended within 12 hours.

Unfortunately the town is growing and, with the addition of dances every weekend at Crotched Mountain and Bobcat Ski areas, we have had to increase patrols. This has caused the Department to exceed its 1977 budget and is why I have asked to increase the budget for 1978.

1978 BUDGET

Telephone	$ 1,350
Equipment	850
Time (labor)	11,500*
Gasoline	1,000
Car Expenses	500
Miscellaneous	800
Total:	$16,000

*Includes estimated reimbursements to Town of $5,000

Respectfully submitted,

PETER M. FLOOD, Chief of Police

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

First, we would like to draw your attention to the Library questionnaire stapled in the Town Report. This questionnaire has been prepared in the hope of improving your Library's services to you. May we ask you to give it your considered attention and, when you have completed it, to return it to the Library? We would be most grateful.

The Library was again awarded the Outstanding Library Achievement Award, received by Ingeborg Anderson, Librarian, and the Trustees at ceremonies in Concord, N.H. Also in Concord that day, the Trustees and Librarian attended hearings on the State bill for aid to public libraries which we actively support.

Our participation continues in the Nubanusit Library Co-op from which we benefit materially in cooperative-order book discounts as well as from the good advice and shared experience of fellow library associates throughout the area. The Southwest District Advisory Council also keeps us abreast of trends, activities, and regulations pertinent to the library function.

The Library continues to serve as a center for many Town activities. Meetings of the Francestown Improvement and Historical Society and the Conservation Commission are regularly held in the building. The younger set had its turn with preschool reading program conducted by Pam Barry, and presently continued by Cecile Nelson, Patty McNeil, and Debbie Olson. In addition, the grade school enjoyed another year of movie programs, attending films lent by the State Library.

The Library Summer Program filled the children's vacation months with creative activity -- from quilting to totem-pole carving. The time, energy, and imaginative efforts of Joan Hanchett, Ethel Stubbs, Betsy Wiederhold, Bessann Tripplett, Chris Brown, Jo Staub, Bub Rokes, and all their faithful helpers, directed and ably assisted as always by Inge Anderson and Connie Varnum, ensured the program's success.

National Library Week, in early April, lured visitors in considerable numbers both to examine new book purchases and displays and to enjoy special events. Allan Block and Nancy MacDowell again generously offered an evening concert for the Town and drew a large and appreciative audience. The children were given the exciting treat of a visit by Wally Tripp who cartooned and clowned for them to their hearts' content. We are

most grateful to these friends of the Library for their kind contribution of time and talent for Library Week and most gratified by the enthusiastic reception given them by the Town.

The Library Smorgasbord, revived last year, was an even greater success in 1977. The enthusiastic participation of such a large segment of the community creates the Smorgasbord's special atmosphere of happily shared effort. Again, Pat Standish, ably seconded this year by Lil Poor, was responsible for the master planning. Their hard-working crew was led once more by the "Rogues" who last year instigated the Smorgasbord's rebirth: Robert and Larry Ames and Kelly Straus, Andy Janiak, Andy Hungerford, Lisa Roberts, and all their friends. Bill Brien, with lots of "Yankee Painters," Linda Elias, the Wharton family, Heather Miner, Syd Santaspago, and many many more pitched in, too. Entertainment was provided with talent and spirit by Steve Kruse and Lyn Brown, and by Dick McGrath. Pat Cloutier and Betsy Holbrook, Carol Prest and Doris Bassett, to name but a few, labored mightily on committees to ensure a gay evening for the Town. Primary, of course, was the varied and delicious array spread on the buffet tables, generously and skillfully prepared by the ladies (and some of the gentlemen!) of Francestown, and by the crew. We are most grateful to everyone whose efforts and open-handed, open-hearted participation made this Smorgasbord so happy and successful (and delectable) an event. The final measure of this success was the $852.76 added to the Special Account, allowing certain long-hoped-for Library projects to be undertaken.

High on the list of Library intentions was the redecoration of the beautiful but sadly shabby Reading Room. That room is now "fresh as new paint" thanks to the skills (and liberal discount on the work) of the Yankee Painters.

The Reading Room is further adorned and made comfortable by two sturdy and handsome new Captain's chairs, purchased from gifts given in fond memory of Helmut Sturow. Fine books have also been added to the collection in Mr. Sturow's name.

The friends of Arnold Ellsworth, too, contributed to the Library, remembering his fond and frequent use of the facility. A number of books, chosen particularly in his areas of reading interest, have been purchased through their generosity.

Another "Special" project was the purchase and installation of the handsome copper lantern at the Library's front door, necessary to brighten the step in the early dark of winter after-

noons. A summer need was also filled from the Special Account - a bicycle rack for our cycling readers.

A treat for all Library visitors earlier in the winter was a display of the nature paintings of Sandra MacDonald, a new resident of Francestown. We hope to show more of Mrs. MacDonald's work in the coming year, and that of other local artists as well.

Various interior and exterior building repairs were carried out, often with the help of volunteer labor such as the welcome assistance of William Abbott and of Roger Hartleb. Some of the repair materials were kindly donated by Monadnock Lumber Co.

We are most grateful to Elizabeth Thompson for the donation of a record player, a great addition to our audio-visual facilities, and to Robert Duncan for his generous gift. Indeed, we offer again our sincere thanks to all in Francestown whose generous interest has aided and supported the Library this past year.

Library use, as reflected by book circulation, is increasing markedly and, in closing, we wish to express once again our deep gratitude to all those whose devoted efforts on behalf of the Library encourage community use and make possible the fulfillment of the Library's expanding role. Our fine Librarian, Inge Anderson, must come first of course, and her able assistant, Connie Varnum; Pat Cloutier and her faithful and willing volunteers; and Betsy Wiederhold whose continued concern for the Library is ever a support and whose decorations continue to brighten every event and change of season.

Our thanks to all.

LOIS MacADAM
DIANE SCHOTT
LINA de TARNOWSKI

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Town Account

	1977 Budget	1977 Expend.	1978 Budget
Bank Charges	$ 10.00	$ 0.00	$ 10.00
Salaries:			
Librarian	3,279.00	3,333.52	*3,595.00
Clerical Asst.	1,560.00	1,299.15	*1,424.85
Cleaning	475.00	425.45	*448.00
Social Security	310.87	471.18	*342.56
Supplies	500.00	398.46	500.00
Books	1,350.00	1,448.21	1,500.00
Magazines	250.00	576.05	350.00
Fuel	1,100.00	821.23	1,100.00
Water & Electricity	650.00	473.59	700.00
Janitor	200.00	248.75	250.00
Records & A.V.M.	150.00	0.00	75.00
Transportation	50.00	31.05	50.00
Telephone	250.00	215.87	250.00
New Equipment	200.00	0.00	200.00
Repairs	150.00	156.13	150.00
	$10,484.87	$9,898.64	$10,935.41

*1978 Salaries Total — $5,810.41

Receipts:		
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1977	$ 500.86	
Payments to Trustees by Selectmen	7,000.00	
Payments made by Selectmen	2,984.80	
Recovery from books	97.32	
Overpayment	50.00	
From I.R.S.	1,020.34	
		$11,653.32
Expenditures:		
Paid by Trustees	$7,915.05	
Paid by Selectmen	2,984.80	
		$10,899.85
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1977		753.47
		$11,653.32

Special Account

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1977		$1,734.48
Receipts:		
Manning & Clark Fund Trust, Inc.	$ 81.31	
Alison Bixby Hill Trust Fund, Inc.	86.20	
Interest on Certificate of Deposit	85.08	
Fines	80.81	
Cash Gifts	137.57	
Sale of Book & Post Cards	29.04	
Benefit — Smorgasbord	998.39	
Sale of Medals & Chains	42.50	
Savings Account No. 55550	100.00	
Total		1,640.90
		$3,375.38
Expenditures:		
Returned Deposit	$ 10.00	
N.H.L.T.A. Dues	3.00	
Books	77.57	
Gifts	17.75	
Repairs & Equipment	953.99	
Smorgasbord Expenses	152.63	
Summer Program	80.92	
Christmas Decorations	9.25	
Deposited to Savings Account No. 55550	2,000.00	
Total		3,305.11
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1977		$ 70.27

Other Accounts

First National Bank of Peterborough		
Certificate of Deposit expires 3-24-78		$1,417.29
Peterborough Savings Bank		
Account No. 39794		
Anne Schott Memorial Fund		
Balance 1-1-77	$932.57	
Interest	51.16	$ 983.73
Withdrawn for purchase of pre-kindergarten books		13.74
Balance Dec. 31, 1977		$ 969.99

Peterborough Savings Bank
Account No. 47384
Town History

Balance 1-1-77	$1,389.69	
Interest	78.61	
Sale of Town Histories	238.25	
	————	$1,706.55
Withdrew 1-20-77		12.50
		————
Balance Dec. 31, 1977		$1,694.05

Peterborough Savings Bank
Account No. 50581
Memorial Fund

Balance 1-1-77	$679.84	
Interest	45.69	
Memorial Gifts	440.00	
	————	$1,165.53
Expenditures during year		342.56
		————
Balance Dec. 31, 1977		$ 822.97

Peterborough Savings Bank
Account No. 55550
Special

Opened 6-20	$ 1.00	
Deposited 6-29	2,000.00	
Interest	47.27	
	————	$2,048.27
Withdrew		100.00
Deposit		100.00
		————
Balance Dec. 31, 1977		$2,048.27

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Circulation of Books and Magazines:	
Fiction	3,508
Non-Fiction	1,582
Juvenile	5,608
Total Books	10,698
Magazines	1,070
	11,768
Borrowed from Bookmobile (3 visits)	2,494
Requested from Concord State Library	99

Library Hours

Tuesday	1 - 5 P.M.
Wednesday	10 - 5 P.M.
Thursday	1 - 5 P.M.
Friday	10 - 5 P.M.
Saturday	2 - 4 P.M.
Open total of 22 hours.	
Library Telephone	547-2730
Librarian	547-6897

Donations of Books, Magazines and Puzzles: Faber K. Ames, Alice Anderson, Thelma Bare, Connie Bicknell, Mrs. George Bourgeois, Rhoda Burden, Gene Clark, Cloutier Family, Contoocook Valley Board of Realtors, Lina de Tarnowski, William Edwards, Betty Eggert, Lucius Gilman, Golden Quill Press, Richard Katzenberg, Sherri Kuty, Dorothy McLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Donough Prince, Hamilton S. Putnam, Dr. Maridel Saunders, Mrs. Edmund Smith, Jr., Elizabeth Spring, Betty Stewart, Elizabeth Thompson, Linda Towlen, Constance Varnum, Mabel Wiederhold and the Wiederhold Family, Priscilla Kunhardt, Gilbert Wiley Family, William Hansen, the Marsden Family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hill, Mrs. Charles Onasch, Caroline Lord, Marie Muzzey. "In Memory of" -- Donald Born, Murray Boyle, Arnold Ellsworth, Cliff Lougee, Helmut Sturow.

We have had many compliments from visitors regarding our

Town Library but where are our town residents? Although we have many patrons we would welcome even more! New children are attending school and we would enjoy meeting their parents and new residents and have them use our Library.

The Summer program was busy and active with many enthusiastic children. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the many kind ladies and volunteers who gave their time and material for the crafts made: Quilting, Weaving, Kitemaking, Stenciling and Macrame - Joan Hanchett, Joan Staub, Bessann Triplett, Chris Brown, Ethel Stubbs, Betsy Wiederhold, Peggy Hansen, Ruth Behrsing, Kim Johnson, Isabelle Richardson, Jill Leonard, Chloe Kiblin, Cheryl Sanchioni and Connie Varnum who was in charge of Films. Our Special thanks to Bub and Ralph Rokes who provided the pole and planned and engineered the making of a splendid Totem Pole with the help of the children. It needs a little paint, etc., and then we'll have it on public display this summer when Bub and his helpers have more time.

Susan Palmatieri, our State Library Consultant, paid us two visits.

Betsy Wiederhold continued setting up her many decorative and informative displays throughout the year. Everyone appreciates her skills and we thank her very much.

Many thanks and appreciation go to Pat Cloutier and her hard working volunteers who assist in the daily work of the Library.

My grateful thanks to the Library Trustees and Connie Varnum.

Respectfully submitted,

INGEBORD ANDERSON, Librarian

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Our major project this year was to prepare additional grave sites at the back end of Cemetery No. 3. In order to do this, brush was cut and gravel for fill was trucked in as the land is low. All is ready now for loam in the coming year and to mark out the sites.

We have made extra efforts to keep our cemeteries neat and trim and feel that monies used for this purpose are well spent.

We have felt it necessary to raise the cost of plots. Money from sale of plots is reserved for preparing future lots.

The follow-up on our last year's project which was putting in the drainage ditch seems to be encouraging. We tested the ground in the spring when the water table has previously been high and found the ground dry. We are grateful indeed to be able to report this.

LOIS LEAVITT
RICHARD A. CHAPMAN
LEIGHTON J. BICKNELL

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Balance — January 1, 1977		$ 38.79
Receipts 1977:		
Income from Trust Funds	$1,385.00	
Town Appropriation	500.00	
Article 20	475.00	
		2,360.00
Total		$2,398.79
Expenditures:		
Salaries	$1,593.60	
Land Fill	500.00	
Utilities	36.00	
Water Line Repair	128.49	
Postage	2.60	
Total		2,260.69
Balance as of December 31, 1977		$ 138.10

Proof of Balance

Balance in Souhegan National Bank per statement of December 31, 1977	$ 138.10

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

In response to a request from the Selectmen, the Commission supplied extra copies of the Town Soil Maps and a new Wetlands Map. The Commission had had this Wetlands Map prepared by the Hillsborough County Conservation District.

At the Selectmen's request, the Commission initiated three projects associated with growth in the town.

First, a questionnaire, mailed to all residents or property owners, disclosed that the 31 percent of residents and the 22 percent of non-residents who replied to the questionnaire were almost unanimously in favor of developing a town plan. Copies of the tabulated results of the questionnaire will be available soon.

The second project is a study of the effect of growth on local taxes. Bill Hansen, Associate member, is chairman of the corresponding subcommittee.

The third project is an indexing of the town's natural resources and property of all sorts. Shirley Davis is chairman of this subcommittee.

At the urging of the Selectmen, the chairman of the Commission attended the annual conference concerning the use of salt on roads -- generally known as "The Sensible Salting of Roads" -- held in Peterborough and furnished the Selectmen with the corresponding information and literature.

Further, the Selectmen requested a census of dead trees on those town roads which have been designated as "Scenic Roads"; eight of the 21 roads have been surveyed and a report presented to the Selectmen.

The Commission obtained information about the availability of water for domestic use from the Geological Survey in Concord and turned over the information to interested residents along Main Street.

Jim O'Mahoney checked conditions in connection with three Fill and Dredge permit applications, and these were subsequently approved.

The Commission followed the three Land Use Programs which were broadcast by Channel 11. These provided considerable background information concerning problems encountered and actions taken by other New Hampshire towns confronted by unexpected, rapid growth. The Commission was considerably assisted by the audio taping done by David Barr.

On December 15, Mr. William Rourke of the Southwest Re-

gional Planning Commission presented to the Conservation Commission what he considered to be the important reasons for Francestown to become a member of this organization. Also present at that meeting were Selectman John Schott and Planning Board Member Herbert Benedict.

During January, the last fund-raising square dance was held at the Town Hall. The Commission found it was no longer able to continue this effort.

New members of the Commission last spring were Shirley Davis and William Cowles. During October, Bill Hansen and Brenda Parker joined the Commission as Associate Members. Early in December, Liesel Gilman resigned from the Commission and was replaced by Brenda Parker. Bill Hansen resigned his Associate Membership in order to join the Planning Board.

ELEANOR KIBLIN
JAMES O'MAHONEY
DAVID BUBER
DAVID JONAS
SHIRLEY DAVIS
BILL COWLES
BRENDA PARKER
LIESEL GILMAN

THE PLANNING BOARD

In 1977 the Planning Board held 22 regularly convened meetings. John R. Schott replaced O. Alan Thulander as the Selectman ex-officio member and Herbert Benedict replaced Royal S. Cleaves who retired from the Board after many years of faithful service. William Edwards was appointed to the Board by the Selectmen to fill the unexpired term of Robert H. Cloutier. William Hansen was appointed by the Selectmen to replace Bill Edwards, who resigned December 16. Hearings were held and approvals granted for fifteen subdivisions. Four amendments to the Zoning Ordinance were presented for ballot vote at Town Meeting, after having been heard at two statutory public hearings (January 14 and February 4). Three of these amendments were adopted, to wit:

sometimes discriminatory, provision for the acquiring of abutters' signatures in order to place a structure closer than fifty feet to a lot line. The amended article is now equally applicable to all.

Article 5A - Zoning District Regulations

This amendment removed the implication that home occupations in the Village Zone are restricted to the confines of the domicile structure only.

Article 5A - Zoning District Regulations

This amendment removed retail stores from the "Permitted Use" category in the Rural Zone to the more restrictive classification of "Special Exception."

An amendment which proposed the instituting of an Occupancy Permit requirement for all new structures was defeated.

Amendments to the Subdivision Regulations were voted by the Planning Board after the required statutory public hearings. Although some of these changes are considered to be administrative and relatively minor, those of greatest import provide for better control of the responsibility of the improvement and/or reconstruction of Class V and VI roads on which subdivisions may be located, and provide for better control of the location of scattered or premature subdivisions.

Subdivisions approved in 1977 and their dates of approval are as follows:

Robert Horne (2/18)
Ellen M. Hill (4/22)

Arthur J. Cernota (4/22)
Mary W. Edwards (5/6)
Rino Sanchioni et al (6/17)
Donough Prince (6/17)
Richard Merrill (7/1)
Frank W. Jones (7/15)
Ralph E. MacDonald (8/19)
Thomas A. Fulham (8/19)
Nina N. Abbott (10/7)
Ann J. Masel (10/7)
Ralph Rokes (10/7)
Henry C. Humphreys (10/21)
Robert Cloutier & Normand Laplante (12/16)

PHILLIP W. IRELAND, Chairman
BLAKE TEWKSBURY, Secretary
HERBERT BENEDICT
ROBERT F. CASKIE
WILLIAM F. HANSEN
H. BARTLETT HARDWICK
JOHN R. SCHOTT, Ex-Officio

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment is a five member board appointed by the Selectmen. It acts under the provisions of Chapter 31:60-89 New Hampshire Statutes annotated 1955 and amended thereto, as well as the Town of Francestown Zoning Ordinance as amended through March 1977.

The Board held fifteen public hearings during 1977. Most of the cases dealt with setback clearances. Two cases were denied, two cases were granted with restrictions. One case on a reappeal was denied which resulted in the Board being included in litigation over the case. One dealt with a special exemption as provided in the Ordinance and it was granted.

It is the policy of the Board to inspect the sites involved in order to supplement the testimony presented at the hearings. As above stated, in certain cases it was necessary to attach conditions relating to the decision.

In addition to the public hearings the Board held eleven executive sessions.

Recommendations were also made to the Planning Board for suggested changes to the ordinance for their consideration as possible amendments.

HAROLD A. VARNUM, Chairman
ROBERT R. DUNCAN
CLIFTON F. FOOTE
DONALD A. PETTEE
ALAN A. THULANDER

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee reviewed a variety of matters pertaining to the construction and proper maintenance of town roads. The concluding recommendations of its report to the Selectmen were as follows:

"4. Suggested remedial action:

A. The selectmen either by themselves or through a special road committee appointed by them may:

1. Prepare an index of existing town maintained roads;

2. Prepare an article in proper form for the town warrant clearly abandoning all other roads in which the town may have an interest and adopting the inventory of existing town maintained roads;

3. Prepare a method, policy or by-law by coordinating an up-to-date town road inventory and standards with the Planning Board.

B. Review with the Planning Board the advisability of amending the Subdivision Ordinance in the light of the information contained in this report for additional protection against a costly road expense being suddenly forced on the town by development for residential uses."

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH C. LUDWIG, JR.
CHARLES F. ONASCH
ERNEST R. POOR
R. FRANKLIN MACE

WASTE DISPOSAL COMMISSION

As of July 1, 1977, it was illegal to have open dumping and burning of refuse at the Francestown Dump. We hired the Community Sanitation Service of Peterborough to transport our disposal waste to the Antrim-Bennington-Francestown Sanitary landfill site on a twice-weekly basis. This operation has had a mixed degree of success and failure. We were unable to use Ken's Sanitation Service as proposed in last year's Town Report because the Sanitary Landfill hours did not adjust to Ken's service program. We hesitated to add extra equipment and service on the few peak days because of the sizable increase in costs. Also we are of the opinion that our proposed recycling program can reduce the total amount of disposable waste that goes to Bennington, even though the number of families moving here is increasing rapidly.

As of January 3, 1978, recycling operations have begun on a voluntary basis at the Dump. Each family in Francestown has received a letter to this effect and a pamphlet of instructions. We will have an attendant, John Farrar, on hand during normal working hours to assist you in cooperating on this program.

Because we were unable to complete the regrading operation before winter weather set in, we have made temporary provisions for housing of the new attendant, and the location of a vehicle for storing paper and cardboard out of the weather; also, a place for containers for the glass and tin is provided. We hope to build in the Spring, using some of the money voted last year, a more attractive shelter and storage bin complex. This building will be flexible as to size so that we may keep pace with the growth, interest and cooperation of the families of Francestown in recycling.

We hesitate at this time to place more restrictions on the use of the Town Dump area, because with the cooperation of the families here we sincerely believe that we can keep our costs at a minimum and in line with our town growth and yet realize sizable savings through our Recycling Program.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT B. PARKER, Chairman
CONSTANCE BICKNELL
LEIGHTON BICKNELL
CHARLES J. BRIEN

REPORT OF THE TOWN HISTORIAN

Planning, zoning and subdivisions have been issues throughout the year as increased concern is expressed over the rapid growth of the area. First steps toward a land use study are being made. The population of Francestown (N.H. Office Industrial Development) is estimated at 758, an increase of over 44 percent since 1970. The Selectmen have issued 45 Building Permits, 20 of these for new homes.

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In the spring Tenneco, Inc. announced plans for a pipeline for natural gas, from St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada to Pennsylvania. The route was to cross Francestown and several other Monadnock Region Towns. Opposition to a 50-foot wide swath cutting through scenic and historic areas was immediately expressed by many local citizens and our Selectmen. An ad hoc committee called COPE (Citizens Organized to Protect the Environment) was formed with members, from all walks of life from area towns, following an initial meeting with company officials held in Francestown. William Hansen was elected chairman; monies were raised; and an attorney was hired to go before the Federal Power Commission in Washington with the recommendation that the pipeline might more appropriately be laid along the existing right-of-way of the Public Service Co. This route was later approved by Washington.

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A March snowstorm left some local residents without electrical power for several days.

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In April Dr. John Maes was named minister of the Community Church after several years in which guest ministers have conducted the Sunday Services. Dr. Maes was installed by the Hillsboro Ass'n. of United Church of Christ at ceremonies held in November with visiting dignitaries throughout New England attending. The Unitarian Church held summer services at the Old Meeting House with Rev. Roberts W. Cummings returning, for the eighth year, to serve as the minister.

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In July, lightning was responsible for a fire which destroyed the lift building and machinery which ran the chair-lift at the Crotched Mountain ski area. The lift was replaced and will be operating as usual this winter.

The Improvement and Historical Society appointed Eleanor Kiblin temporary curator of the Historical Rooms which were opened on Memorial Weekend after a complete rearrangement of the exhibits, necessitated by the construction of the new Fire Exit from the upper floor. The rooms were open every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon during the summer, with hostesses to greet visitors at these times. Inge Anderson and Connie Varnum opened the rooms to visitors on many, many other occasions. This has been a major contributing factor to the success which we have experienced this year.

During the summer Mr. Charles Parsons of Goffstown contacted the Society in an attempt to locate furniture made in Francestown by Daniel Bixby (1791-1870), Cabinetmaker, and his son, James. Mr. and Mrs. William Triplett were able to help locate a chest of drawers signed by James Bixby, the first positive identification of the work of these men. It is hoped that other pieces will be located and any information would be welcome.

Mr. Parsons gave to the Society Rooms a partial list of items, made by these men, extracted from a Bixby ledger which Winterthur Museum copied on to microfilm. (The N.H. Historical Society also has a copy.)

Other activities of the Improvement and Historical Society include sponsoring the annual Labor Day celebration. This year's parade theme was "Village Life."

Two visits of the Little Red Wagon, also sponsored by the Society, entertained the children on the Common.

Financial help was granted to the Little League Baseball Team. Ed Farhm and Joe Ludwig were coaches this year.

A group of generous citizens donated monies in the total amount of $10,000 so that the Society could purchase the F.H. Colburn property on Main Street for use as a park (in perpetuity). A committee has been named by President "Dud" Parker to develop a landscape plan for the property.

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The Francestown Water and Electric Co. voted to empower their directors to change the Water Co. to either a non-profit corporation (cooperative) or a water district. The Directors prefer the former. Water users elected approximately the same board of directors and have also voted in favor of a non-profit organization if it is possible.

The Directors are actively pursuing this direction by working on the legal requirements for affecting the organiza-

tional change. Meanwhile, an engineering study indicates that the water main must be replaced. The present plan of the directors is to borrow money for this purpose as soon as the company's reorganization is complete. Well houses have been replaced on both wells this year.

The Water company was first organized in 1880. The present company was established in 1922.

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A Co-operative Kindergarden and Pre-School was organized. Pam Berry is the director and teacher. Classes are held in the basement of the Community Church for kindergarten on three mornings each week and for younger children on two mornings.

A Children's Carnival was held on the Common in August to raise money for the kindergarten.

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Two 4-H Clubs have been active this year. Leadership has been provided by Mrs. Donald Hoyt, Mrs. William Triplett and Mrs. Clarence Paige assisted by a number of parents.

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Some names in the news: David Carney became the Town's first Eagle Scout at ceremonies held in the Town Hall. Brooks Place was named one of 16 top point winners in the New England Amateur Grand Prix of Tennis. Willis Hadley finished sixth in competition with over 50 of the State's top school bus drivers in a school bus safety rodeo (written as well as road tests were administered).

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The following persons were serving in the United States Military Service during 1977:

Sgt. Jeffrey Banks (U.S. Army - discharged in September)
1st. Lt. Sylvia J. Leavitt (U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps)
Sp. 5 Charles McCarthy (U.S. Army stationed in Germany)
Avery Richardson (U.S. Navy)
Capt. Herbert R. Vadney (U.S.A.F.)
Lt. (j.g.) Scott T. Place (U.S. Navy)

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR L. KIBLIN, Town Historian

DOG CONSTABLE'S REPORT

It has been my pleasure to serve as dog constable. This office requires that I be a special police officer, in case some people wondered.

The problems of dogs in town is becoming a big item in our town business and call for a lot of time. One of the major problems are people who move here to the country with the idea that they may let their dog or dogs run at will. This is a falsehood. A dog, as your own child, should have a strong hand of guidance to have them grow to be a respected member of the town. Yes, even some of our dogs in town are good members of the town and have our love and respect.

The pleasure of knowing a few of these dogs that have gone from us this year: such as the Wiederholds' Ursla, Gallops' Goldie, and Rices' Roger are just a few.

If you get a dog, that animal becomes part of your family and should be treated as such. Just because this is the country you may not let him roam at will or he will find trouble.

You should know at all times where your dog is, because it is the common house pet that forms packs, destroys property, preys on game and domestic animals, fowl or even human beings. You, as a dog owner, should know the State Law pertaining to dog ownership, as stated in Chapter 222, H.B. 702, State of New Hampshire, relative to vicious dogs or dogs as a nuisance, which includes:

"Under this section, a dog is considered to be a nuisance, a menace, or vicious to persons or to property under any or all, but not limited to, the following conditions:

(a) If it barks for sustained periods of time, or during the night hours so as to disturb the peace and quiet of a neighborhood or area;

(b) If it digs, scratches, or excretes, or causes waste or garbage to be scattered on property other than its owner's;

(c) If any female dog in season (heat) is permitted to run at large or be off the premises of the owner or keeper during this period except when being exercised on a leash by a responsible adult. At all other times such dog shall be confined within a building or enclosure in such manner that she will not come in contact (except for intentional breeding purposes) with a male dog. A female dog in heat shall not be used for hunting;

(d) If it growls, snaps at, runs after or chases any person or persons;

(e) If it runs after, or chases bicycles, motor vehicles, motorcycles, or other vehicles being driven, pulled or pushed on the streets, highways, or public ways;

(f) If, whether alone or in a pack with other dogs, it bites, attacks, or preys on game animals, domestic animals, fowl or human beings."

As you look upon the behavior of your dog, is he lawful or not?

This year, as of January 1st, was a busy year — four dog complaints, which involved 20 - 30 hours each. These complaints included one in which a dog killed two sheep, one in which dogs were chasing cows to the point of a pack attack during which a young heifer was downed and being mauled, and the worrying and killing of a domestic pet.

The rest of the time I have been taking an average of two to three phone calls a week on lost-and-found dogs either from this town or from other towns in the surrounding area.

The salary I receive is less than ten dollars a week, which is not enough for this job. When you consider toll calls, gas, equipment and other expenses, I have found I'm way in the red and have done it for the uncertain pleasure of it.

The town offers no equipment for this office and all the equipment I have is my own. I do enjoy the office of Dog Constable as I feel I have added a little humane treatment and love and understanding to this position. I hope to serve you another year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS O. HADLEY, Dog Constable

RECREATION COMMISSION

In March 1977 the Selectmen established a Recreation Commission and appointed six people to this new Town board. In addition, special thanks go to Mary Jane Marsden for volunteering her time and energy to the Commission.

Our Commission meets twice a month and, if necessary, more often.

During July and August a Summer Recreation Program was provided for all children in the community between the ages of 6 through 14. It was funded by Southern New Hampshire Services whose offices are located in Bedford, New Hampshire. Because the money came from an outside source, we had very little control or voice in how the program was run. Also, the possibility of being funded again by this organization is very remote.

Our committee sponsored Contra-Dances from June through December and they will begin again in the spring. It was from the proceeds of our first dance that we were able to pay for and mail a newsletter and questionnaire to all townspeople.

A special committee headed by Charles Onasch was appointed to look into the present Scobie Pond Beach situation, as to problems of parking, non-resident use of the beach, etc., plus the possibility of finding a new location for a Town Beach. A report was sent to the Selectmen, including a proposal, asking the town for funds to purchase property on Scobie Pond.

On October 31st a Community Halloween Party was held for children of all ages, parents and other interested people. It was well attended and generated much enthusiasm. Special thanks go to David Carney, the Hansens, Staubs and Bicknells, plus the many other people who made donations or participated in making this party such as success.

On November 7th, Beaver Jutras, Director of the Peterborough Recreation Program, attended our meeting. He offered suggestions and answered questions concerning future programs.

On December 16th, a Community Christmas Party was held. Both the Elementary School and Community Pre-School presented plays and songs. Our committee would like to thank the Improvement Society, Women's Guild, and Sock Darners for their contributions toward the Christmas Party.

We were not funded by the town for 1977, so this limited

what we could do. A proposal has been submitted to the Selectmen, asking the town for a small budget to help pay for a yearly program. This would include plans for a Summer Program which would be run in conjunction with the Library's activities, tennis and swimming lessons and would enable us to continue both the Halloween and Christmas Parties.

We need your support. If you have any questions please feel free to contact our members.

Respectfully submitted,

CAROL A. PREST, Chairman
BARBARA J. MORICO
WILLIAM F. HANSEN
CHARLES ONASCH
LUCILLE PAIGE
LINDA LUDWIG

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The following is a report from the Recreation Commission to the Board of Selectmen, which is the basis for an Article in this year's Town Warrant:

TO: Board of Selectmen
Town of Francestown

FROM: Recreation Commission

RE: Report On A Possible New Town Beach

OBJECTIVE: Because of the growth of our town over the last four years (103 persons since 1973), the Recreation Commission set forth to determine if other properties presently available in Francestown offer better alternatives, both long and short range, to the present town beach, which we feel at the present time is totally inadequate to handle the town's population.

AVAILABLE PROPERTIES (real and suspected)

SCOBIE POND

1. George Foster property
2. Wm. Nickerson property
3. Mrs. Sipes property

PLEASANT POND

None known to be available of sufficient size to be considered as a potential town beach.

SCOBIE POND: Of the properties available on Scobie only the Foster piece was deemed possible at first judgment -- price. Since any project in this area would require the Town to issue bonds, it was felt that cost had to be the prime preliminary consideration.

Mrs. Sipes property, 83 acres with considerable lake frontage (500'-600') is on the market with an asking price of $103,000. Our judgment was that the price was, for the town, excessive and too much acreage was involved to obtain just the waterfront portion.

The Nickerson property, while providing lakefront, is not available at this point in time since the owner plans to sell lakefront property along with the rest of the property as a single piece. He does not plan to break up his holdings.

The George Foster Property. This is a piece approximately 875' along Journey's End Road and about 395' to 580' deep with approximately 825' of lake frontage. A total of 6.9 acres more or less (see attached). There is presently an access road close to the west end of the property that runs from Journey's End Road to the water. This has been graveled and would not require too much work to restore to first-class condition, approximately $1,000. It is approximately 14' to 18' wide its entire length, and the lake extends out into the water about 20'. At the end of the gravel road there is a partially cleared area that we feel would be suitable for parking. To totally clear this area and gravel it for parking would cost approximately $1,500. Since the primary consideration of this investigation was to establish the suitability of any (or all) of these properties as bathing beaches, measurements of water depths was undertaken at two distances from the shore: 25 and 50 feet. A total of 10 measurements were taken across the 825' water frontage at both 25' and 50' from the shore. In no instance was the water depth over 3 feet, generally less, about 2'4'' or so. Several measurements were made at the extreme outside edge of the weed growth -- probably 125' to 150' from shore -- and the greatest depth measured was 5 feet.

THE FOSTER PROPERTY SPECIFICS:

Total Asking Price: $47,000.00, one-half down ($23,500) and the balance in two equal annual payments at 8 percent interest.

Approximate Costs: Road - $1,000.00

Parking - $1,500.00

Sand for Beach - $750 (this is for a beach size of 60 feet long and 20 feet deep and includes spreading of the sand.)

Initial Cost to the Town: $26,750.00 - approximately.

Pluses:
1. 825' of water frontage on Scobie Pond.
2. Existing road already cleared to water front.
3. 875' of road frontage.
4. Ample space for parking.
5. Ample space for other town activities.

Minuses:
1. WETLAND: We have been unable to determine the actual amount of wetland on this property. Because of the cost involved, we suggest that the Selectmen, before making an offer, look into this problem
2. IMPROVEMENT TO JOURNEY'S END ROAD: If the Town votes to purchase Mr. Foster's property, we suggest that the Selectmen look into the problem of Journey's End Road, for it is now only able to handle traffic in one direction.
3. WEEDS AND DEPTH OF WATER: Because of the heavy growth of weeds along the the shore it definitely needs to be cleared. However, we feel that the only economical solution is to have a group of concerned citizens hand clear the water's edge. The depth of the shore line is something that would be good for the children.

CONCLUSION: The Francestown Recreation Commission unanimously recommends that the Town of Francestown vote to purchase the George Foster Property, and make said improvements on same, for a possible new town beach.

Respectfully submitted,

THE RECREATION COMMISSION
William F. Hansen
Sub-Committee Chairman

BOARD OF HIGHWAY SAFETY

Early in the year the Francestown Highway Safety Committee got off to a good start. On April 14th the committee met with David H. Deans, Field Representative for the Highway Safety Agency for the State of New Hampshire. Later in April Mr. Deans accompanied the committee on a survey of the town's 40-odd miles of highways.

On May 25th Mr. Henry D. Brinn, Municipal Traffic Operations Engineer from the State of New Hampshire Department of Public Works and Highways accompanied the committee on a second survey of Francestown highways. The following criticisms were made by both Mr. Deans and Mr. Brinn:

1. Some stop signs improperly placed
2. Wrong heighth for some signs
3. Some signs obscured by foliage
4. Some signs tipped over
5. Lack of a sign where there should be one
6. Need to correct bridge approach signs

After the surveys were made, the above criticisms evaluated, and with the approval of the Selectmen, the committee purchased $437.00 worth of signs, posts and markers. The purchase was made direct from the State at State costs. This means a substantial saving of Town funds. Further savings were made in purchasing much needed radar equipment for the police cruiser.

The committee, accompanied by both Mr. Deans and Mr. Brinn looked at the possible hazards to safety connected with two bridges, the Russell Station Road bridge and the bridge on Old County Road - North. Criticism of the Russell Station Road bridge and the Old County Road bridge by both Mr. Deans and Mr. Brinn:

The Russell Station Road Bridge:

1. Too narrow for today's travel
2. Under structure of the bridge very poor
3. The north side approach dangerous

The County Road Bridge - North:

1. Considered too narrow
2. Approaches good
3. Abutments, girders and planking seemed to be in pretty good shape. It was thought that this bridge could go for some time, but plans should be laid for improvements in the near future.

Other recommendations were submitted to the Highway Department covering such things as blind corners, badly eroded areas, bad culverts, etc.

The Safety Committee will continue to work hard to make the town's highways safer. Highway safety is not only the business of police departments and committees but the business of every person who drives a car. Posted speed limits and markers are of little value if they are continually ignored. Let us all be concerned with Highway Safety.

Respectfully submitted,

ASHLEY PREST, Chairman
PETER FLOOD
CLAYTON FOOTE, JR.
WILLIS HADLEY
DONALD HOYT

ROADS COMMISSION

Two meetings of the Commission were held in 1977 to discuss in general the areas to be reviewed. The members voted to await the receipt of an inventory of all Town roads which would include specifications and current classifications of said roads before proceeding.

As of this date, the inventory has not been completed, and therefore no action is recommended at this time.

W. ROGERS HAMEL
WILBUR S. ROBERTS, JR.
O. ALAN THULANDER
ROBERT M. FOOTE, Ex officio

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Place of Birth	Name of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
Jan. 8 Hillsboro	Michael Weston Roberts	Francestown	California	Garland W. Roberts Marion Pritchard	Missouri California	John W. Harwood Ordained Minister Hillsboro
	Patricia Ann Mason	Francestown	Maryland	Edmund B. Fladung Edna C. Miller	Maryland Maryland	
Feb. 3 Francestown	Paul Clifford Halas, Jr.	Francestown	Connecticut	Paul C. Halas Mary G. Robinson	Connecticut Connecticut	Harold E. Hammond Justice of the Peace Francestown
	Lorraine Ann Cambria	Francestown	Massachusetts	Albert Drouin Josephine Pestana	Massachusetts Massachusetts	
June 11 Francestown	Daniel Patrick Morrissey	Francestown	Connecticut	Thomas Morrissey III Mary Jane Pettit	Connecticut Connecticut	Barbara J. Huntley Justice of the Peace Bennington
	Jill Robin Selzer	Francestown	Ohio	Jack D. Selzer Janet Kirtley	Ohio Ohio	
June 18 Francestown	Thomas Robert Reynolds	Keene	Illinois	Harvey E. Reynolds Jeanette Farman	Illinois New Hampshire	John R. Maes Ordained Minister Rindge
	Barbara Anne Battles	Francestown	Massachusetts	Samuel C. Battles Gladys E. Woodford	Massachusetts Massachusetts	
Aug. 7 Brookline	Gary Blake Worster, Sr.	Francestown	Maine	Ivan B. Worster Pauline Worster	Maine Maine	William H. Quigley Justice of the Peace Brookline
	Debra Diane Patten	Francestown	California	Harold A. Patten Dorothy Creighton	New Hampshire Massachusetts	
Oct. 8 Francestown	Eldon Richard Munson, Jr.	Francestown	New York	Eldon R. Munson, Sr. Rose DeNio	Pennsylvania Pennsylvania	Rev. James L. Haddix Pastor Temple
	Janet Elaine Jones	Francestown	New Hampshire	Frank W. Jones Elizabeth Hoyt	New Hampshire Connecticut	
Oct. 14 Weare	Walter Leaman Foote	Francestown	New Hampshire	Clayton F. Foote Amy Blanchard	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Leslie Smith Justice of the Peace Weare
	Barbara June Tower	Weare	New Hampshire	Lewis Rice Lucy Morse	New Hampshire Vermont	
Dec. 17 Francestown	Kevin Duane Nason	Medford, Mass.	New Hampshire	William C. Nason, Jr. Priscilla Beam	Vermont New Hampshire	R. Franklin Mace Justice of the Peace Francestown
	Joanna Marie Aubin	Medford, Mass.	New Hampshire	William Iodice Eleanor V. Fassi	New Hampshire Massachusetts	
Dec. 17 Francestown	Kenneth Elton Johnson, Jr.	E. Boston, Mass.	Massachusetts	Kenneth E. Johnson Phyllis Cataldo	North Carolina Massachusetts	R. Franklin Mace Justice of the Peace Francestown
	Linda Marie Reid	Somerville, Mass.	Massachusetts	Lloyd C. Reid Frances M. Kelley	Newfoundland Massachusetts	

Births Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents
April 3	Peterborough	Kyene Patrice McNeil	William Francis McNeil	Patricia Ann Shutter	Francestown
May 1	Peterborough	Delia Marie Hazel Putnam	James Douglas Putnam	Betty Lou Hart	Francestown
July 10	Concord	Garth Hodgkins Olson	Harold Eugene Olson	Deborah Jane Hodgkins	Francestown
July 28	Peterborough	Joshua Kris Stewart	Kris Norman Stewart	Leslie Bancroft Haynes	Francestown
Sept. 16	Nashua	Andrea Marie Macdonald	Ralph Edward Macdonald	Arlene Mary Sullivan	Francestown
Dec. 3	Nashua	Monica Lee Baker	Calvin Edward Baker	Lucille Muriel Soucy	Francestown

Deaths Registered in the Town of Francestown for the Year Ending December 31, 1977

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Jan. 20	Manchester	Helmut Herman Sturow	63	Germany	Paul Sturow	Alwin Mierser
Feb. 11	Keene	Charles Leslie Foster, Sr.	59	Massachusetts	Joseph C. Foster	Agnes S. Leslie
April 25	Peterborough	Florence Josephine Friedrich	81	New Hampshire	Charles H. Blanchard	Martha Newton
May 20	Peterborough	Edward Allison Bradford	68	Massachusetts	Harry S. Bradford	Dorothy Betsy Whitehouse
June 7	Keene	Phyllis D. Miller	71	Massachusetts	George E. Dunklee	Helen Smart
June 30	Peterborough	Eleanor Cutter	68	New Hampshire	John A. Gleason	Ellen Appleton
Sept. 9	Manchester	Gertrude M. Murdo	72	New Hampshire	Oscar Bailey	Addie —
Sept. 25	Francestown	Raymond Arthur Bonner	20	New Hampshire	Raymond A. Bonner	Doris LaBonte
Oct. 3	Francestown	Arnold Kenyon Ellsworth	79	New Hampshire	George Franklin Ellsworth	Eva Evangeline Goodale
Oct. 18	Milford	Flora P. Harris	91	Massachusetts	Monroe S. Harris	Carrie J. Dunnell
Oct. 22	Peterborough	George Edward Kunhardt, Jr.	79	Massachusetts	George E. Kunhardt	Elizabeth Knapp
Nov. 3	Peterborough	Luella W. Gravel	87	Illinois	Arthur St. Claire Woodworth	Henrietta Englehart

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

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